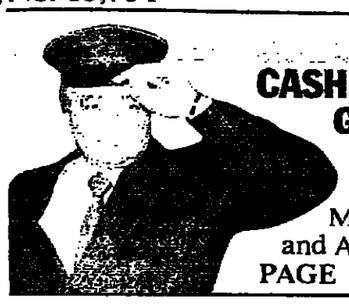
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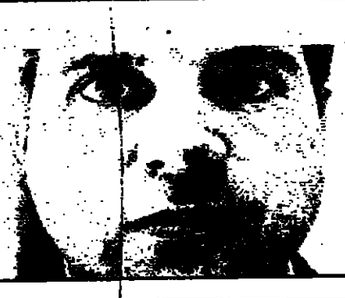
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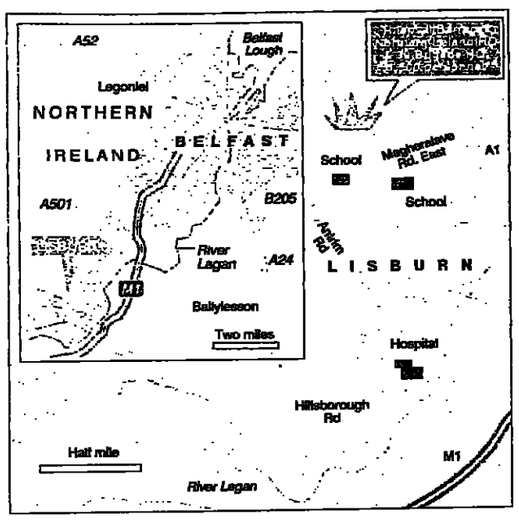
BY NICHOLAS WATT, MICHAEL EVANS AND RICHARD DUCE

REPUBLICAN terrorists penetrated the most secure area in Northern Ireland yesterday to explode two car bombs in the Army's headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim. Up to twenty people were injured by the explosions which came within ten minutes of each other: the Army said the second was aimed at casualties from the first as they were moved to the base's medical centre.

Six men and three women were admitted to hospital with leg, chest and head injuries, one of them in a critical condition. An eight-year-old girl was also among the victims, although she was not seriously hurt and was allowed home after treatment at the town's Lagan Valley Hospital. Two others were transferred to the specialist head injuries unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast.

The attack, the first on an Army target in Northern Ireland since the IRA ended its 18-month ceasefire in February, added to fears that loyalist paramilitaries would resume their campaign of violence. The bombs went off as loyalists in the Maze prison were meeting to decide whether to keep faith with the faltering peace process: the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Freedom Fighters inside the jail have already withdrawn their backing and the Ulster Volunteer Force seemed likely to do the same.

There was no warning before the blasts at 4.40 and 4.50pm and no claims of responsibility, although the attack bore the hallmarks of the IRA. The Army said that the first bomb went off in a car



park at the Thiepval Barracks and the second exploded outside the medical centre, which was extensively damaged. The blast also damaged a children's nursery as well as the garrison church and the NAAFI family shop.

The car park is several hundred yards into the camp from the main entrance where all vehicles are supposed to be thoroughly checked. The base is protected by armed soldiers and fortifications, and even military Land Rovers as well as all civilian vehicles should be stopped and searched.

The security breach, which is to be investigated by the Army's most senior officer in Northern Ireland, was particularly alarming because intelligence sources had been warning for some time that the IRA might launch an attack in the province and security was supposed to have been tightened.

Last night Army patrols throughout the province were stepped up and all roads around the barracks were closed. Hundreds of officers held people back from the entrances as relatives gathered to seek news of casualties.

The two bombs, which produced huge clouds of smoke, were believed to have contained between 250 and 500lbs of explosive and the blasts could be heard from miles away. A neurological hospital close to the barracks was badly damaged, although none of the patients there was hurt, and the windows of other buildings were blown out.

The Rev Brian Gibson, who lives in the road next to the barracks, said: "I was sitting in my study when it went off. I could see shrapnel all over the playing field where some girls were playing hockey. When the second bomb went off, two windows in my house broke with the force of the explosion. There was no screaming, just an awful silence."

Alastair Finlay, 16, was one of 80 children on the playing field when the first bomb went off. He said: "I saw bits of metal and what looked like bits of a car. Then there was all this black smoke. When the second explosion went off we were all in the changing rooms and some of the windows broke."

Last night as ministers speculated that the attack had been timed to coincide with the launch of the Conservative Party conference today, John Major described the double bombing as unspeakable, barbaric and wicked beyond belief. He said: "The presumption is that it (the second bomb) was there either to seek to catch the doctors and nurses trying to help those injured or to catch those injured coming back from the car park to the medical centre. That is the only explanation. The nature of that activity speaks for itself. It was wicked beyond belief to have done that."

Mr Major said it was not known who carried out the bombing or whether it was the work of a republican splinter group. "If it was the Provisional IRA then clearly it is a very serious development."

The Prime Minister insisted that the bomb should not derail the peace process, and the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble urged loyalist paramilitaries not to be provoked into action. But Gary McMichael of the Ulster Democratic Party — the political wing of the UDA and UFF — said: "This could have grave implications for the peace process. This would be the first attack on a military establishment by republicans since the IRA ceasefire. Loyalists will be looking at this very closely — it signifies republicans are not intent on finding a democratic settlement."

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How ceasefire hopes collapsed

August 31, 1994: IRA announces ceasefire but peace talks stall.
February 9, 1996: IRA announces end of ceasefire. Two die when a bomb explodes in London Docklands.
February 15: Semtex bomb made safe in telephone box in Charing Cross Road, London.
February 18: Edward O'Brien, an IRA member, is killed when bomb he is carrying detonates on board a bus in Aldwych, central London.
March 9: Explosion in Fulham, south west London.
April 17: Explosion at empty house in South Kensington.
April 24: Two bombs on Hammersmith Bridge in west London fail to detonate.
June 15: Manchester city centre bombed: 200 injured.
June 28: Mortars fired at barracks in Germany.
July 13: Car bomb devastates Enniskillen hotel, injuring 17.
July 15: Seven arrested in London after bomb components found.
September 23. Police make arrests in London and Sussex and recover bomb-making equipment. Diarmuid O'Neill shot dead by officer.



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Barefoot Cadimha who was taken 20 miles from her family's Florida hotel

Abducted girl, 4, found safe

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

POLICE in Florida last night called off a big search for a four-year-old Belfast girl who was abducted from a hotel balcony when she was found safe 20 miles away.

Cadimha McEvoy, wearing a blue and white polka-dot dress, had last been seen at 6pm on Sunday evening playing alone at the Orlando hotel. She was barefoot — fuelling fears that she might have been kidnapped.

Her parents, who thought she was with her grandparents, alerted hotel security staff 30 minutes later after conducting an initial search. After 90 minutes they called the police and a full hunt began 40 minutes later.

Police, accompanied by other branches of the emergency services and dogs, yesterday searched areas near the suburban Quality Inn where the McEvoys were staying. The family had been due to fly home yesterday after a fortnight in Florida.

Hours later a motorist found the child alone and rang the police. A spokesman said: "There is no way she could have walked that far on her own." Officers were still waiting to talk to her about what happened.

Earlier Kim Hanton, for the Orlando police department, said that the McEvoys were "in a state of distress" about Cadimha's disappearance.

Gerard McEvoy, Cadimha's father, said he and his wife were packing suitcases when the child disappeared. Earlier in the day the family had visited a theme park. The Quality Inn is about 20 miles from Disney World.

Redwood hits sour note in Major's overture

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR last night swept aside the "negative mood music" surrounding the Tory conference by heralding plans to create a "leaner welfare machine" for the 21st century, including a substantial expansion of the US-style workfare scheme.

But he was immediately embroiled in a fresh embarrassment over Europe after John Redwood, the man he defeated in last year's leadership contest, appeared to hesitate in pledging his election support for the Conservatives.

Mr Major, who arrived in Bournemouth determined to lift the Tories from their damaging disputes over Europe and sleaze, found himself besieged with questions about Mr Redwood's remarks on the BBC's *Panorama* programme last night.

According to a BBC press release, Mr Redwood was asked whether voters should support the Referendum Party or the Conservatives. He said: "Well I think you have to ask me that nearer the time when we see what the manifestos are of the major parties and what the views of the different candidates are."

Mr Redwood swiftly made clear that he would ask people to vote for the Conservatives and last night described the BBC's handling of his remarks as a "travesty".

At the centre of the welfare reforms foreshadowed by Mr Major in a speech to Conservative agents last night is a proposal to force up to 75,000 people to undertake community projects in return for £10 more than they currently re

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£4.7bn rescue deal saves Eurotunnel

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Eurotunnel begin trading again on the Stock Exchange this morning after the company agreed to a £4.7 billion rescue refinancing package with its banks. The shares were suspended at 114p last week. The deal, thrashed out in two months of hard negotiation with representatives of its 225 lenders, lifts the immediate threat of insolvency from the Channel Tunnel operator, which is £9 billion in debt.

Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's co-chairman, hailed the deal as "fair and robust" and said he hoped the company would start paying dividends by 2006. It does not affect shareholders' rights to free and discount tickets on Channel Tunnel trains.

Under the terms of the highly complex deal the banks have agreed to halve the size of the debt mountain in return for a minimum of 45.5 per cent of the shares.

It still has to be formally approved by shareholders and all the banks. British shareholders welcomed the deal but militant French investors are expected to mount a legal challenge in Paris.

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"We've put him on a workfare scheme"

Fighter delayed

Germany, worried about meeting the criteria to join a single currency, has threatened to delay plans to go ahead with the building of the Eurofighter. The issue threatens to create new tensions between Bonn and Paris.....Page 10

Yorkshire move

Yorkshire County Cricket Club has announced plans to leave Headingley in Leeds, its home for 105 years, for a new stadium near Wakefield. The club will own the £50 million complex.....Page 48

Thrash young vandals, says Heseltine's mother

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE 85-year-old mother of Michael Heseltine said unruly children should be given a "sound thrashing" after an elderly neighbour was injured by young vandals.

Mrs Eileen Heseltine lamented the lack of discipline among the young after an elderly neighbour was struck on the head by a stone.

The Deputy Prime Minister's mother and other residents in Leicester Close, Henley-on-Thames, a development of mock-Georgian houses, complain that the tearaways, some as young as five, are making their lives a misery.

Mrs Heseltine said: "The problem with young people now is that they do not respond to authority. Parents need to take children like this in hand. They need to give them a sound thrashing."

Freeman's Meadow, which is popular with children from a council estate near by, adjoins Leicester Close.



Mrs Heseltine: "Michael was such an easy boy"

Youngsters gather around the swings and climbing frames and, say the residents of Leicester Close, an 8 ft wooden fence, extended by metal wire, has proved no barrier to the missiles of the young vandals. One hit Freda Parkinson, who is in her eighties.

Despite her views, it appeared last night that the young Michael, who once famously lost his temper and wielded the Mace in the Commons, escaped the weight of his mother's hand.

Speaking on the doorstep of her four-bedroom house Mrs Heseltine said diplomatically: "Michael was never ever any trouble. He was such an easy boy." But she confessed he was not averse to bullying younger children. She recalled one incident: "The only trouble we had was when we were going back to prep school once and there was a new boy and his mother who were both crying. She was trying to get him on board the bus. "I said I'd look after him but when they got on the bus Michael said: 'Hop it, that's my seat.' I was so embarrassed."

Mrs Heseltine's views were not universally popular. On the council estate one mother said: "The kids don't mean any harm. One or two might need a clip round the ear but to say they need a sound thrashing is a bit much."

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Republican attack is most serious breach of security at Lisburn

Bombers hit heart of Army's operations

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Lisburn bombing yesterday represented the biggest gamble by Republican terrorists since the ending of the ceasefire in February. They breached what should have been one of the toughest security regimes in Northern Ireland to deliver two car bombs into the Army's headquarters.

The bombers will also have taken into account the danger of provoking Loyalist terrorists into a retaliatory strike.

Intelligence sources have been issuing warnings for some time that, after recent aborted bombing operations on the mainland, accompanied by arrests of IRA suspects and the seizure of explosives and weapons, the IRA might revert to attacks in Ulster.

For this reason, security status for all troops in Northern Ireland has been high, with orders for everyone to be vigilant, but the Army appears to have failed to enforce the most basic security arrangements at Lisburn, which houses about 1,500 military and civilians.

The barracks at Lisburn, a largely Protestant town about ten miles from Belfast, extend over a huge area and includes Victorian buildings occupied by the headquarters of 39 Brigade and newer buildings that are the home of Headquarters Northern Ireland. The military base is called Thiepval barracks, named after a First World War battle.

Security arrangements have been changed at Lisburn. In the past, cars driving down Magheralave Road leading to the barracks had to negotiate a concrete chicane before being stopped by armed soldiers.

Today, the chicane has gone and, under a new gate system, a car driver is brought to a halt by armed soldiers standing by a security barrier. If a recognisable pass is shown to the soldiers, the car is told to move slowly forward to a second barrier a few yards away. One Army source said it was "like an air lock system". The pass has to be shown for a second time and, under the current security alert, a search for bombs or weapons would be regarded as standard practice, an Army source said.

On the left of the barriers, a concrete sangar, like a wartime pillbox, houses an armed soldier on permanent duty. He is supposed to train his SA80 rifle, through a slit, on all approaching vehicles. Army sources said it was normal for even military Land Rovers to be stopped and searched. Civilian vehicles should have been searched automatically.

One source said the drivers of the two cars carrying the bombs must have acquired security passes to be waved on by the soldiers.

A full investigation has been launched into the security breach by the current General Officer Commanding (GOC) Northern Ireland, Lieutenant General Sir Rupert Smith, whose previous appointment was as the last commander of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The commander of 39 Brigade, whioch is based at Lisburn, is Brigadier James Short.

The approach to the barracks is a four-lane road, two lanes going in and two lanes coming out. At the barriers and further on along the perimeter fencing there are security cameras, which would have filmed the cars as they approached.

After being allowed through the two sets of barriers, the cars, each carrying bombs containing 250-500kg of explosives, would have faced no further security checks on their way to the car park.

Army sources said the bomb attacks represented the most serious security breach ever known at Lisburn. "This will be a big blow to General Smith," one defence source said.



Smith: launched full investigation

PACEMAKER



Shocked onlookers in Lisburn yesterday shortly after the car bombs exploded at the Army's headquarters

Loyalist terrorists urged not to hit back in anger

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLITICIANS across the religious divide in Northern Ireland last night condemned the car bombs and appealed for loyalist groups to maintain their ceasefire. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, told them: "Don't allow this to goad you into resuming your campaign. You have the high ground at the moment. Don't follow the evil of the IRA."

Mr Trimble, MP for Upper Bann, added: "The bombs clearly mark an escalation in the IRA campaign. I say to John Major: how much more evidence do you need that the IRA is not committed to peace?"

Gary McMichael, leader of the loyalist Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the terrorist Ulster Defence Association, said: "The loyalists will be looking at this very carefully. The signals are that republicans are not interested in finding a democratic settlement."

Mr McMichael, who is a councillor in Lisburn, said: "This is obviously a republican attack from some quarter. This gives me very great concern about what the repercussions may be.

"This would be the first attack on a military establishment by republicans since the breaking of the IRA ceasefire. Loyalists will be looking at this very closely; it signifies that republicans are not intent on finding a democratic settlement."

John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said: "This is bad news. It is a matter of deep concern for Northern Ireland. I extend my sympathies to those who have been injured."

Nigel Dodds, a councillor representing the Democratic Unionist Party, said: "This is a devastating blow for everybody, taking people back to the dark days, something people had hoped was behind them. It is a major setback for the Province and for the peace process."

NEWS IN BRIEF

British Railways Board fined £200,000 for crash

British Railways Board was fined £200,000 yesterday after a failure to carry out correct signal repairs led to a collision between two trains. Snaresbrook Crown Court was told that a train carrying 16 passengers ran into the back of an empty stationary train near Wood Street station, east London, at 5.30am on September 19 last year.

There were no fatalities as a separate signal fault, for which the British Railways Board was not responsible, had indicated to the oncoming train to slow down. BRB admitted having failed to repair the initial signal fault, in contravention of the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act. BRB has since ensured all staff are fully trained.

Junior schools 'should teach Latin'

Primary school children would benefit from learning a second language from the age of nine. Dr Nicholas Tate, head of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said yesterday. Spanish or even Latin could be introduced as alternative to the traditional French. Dr Tate told a London conference on the curriculum in the next century.

Report urges police chase review

Police training for high-speed pursuits should be urgently reviewed, the Police Complaints Authority said in a report on the death of Judith Hood, 27, a student nurse who was hit by a patrol car driven at 100mph. The authority ruled that the police vehicle was being driven at an "indefensible" speed when it crashed into the back of her stationary car.

Soldier is jailed for car deaths

A paratrooper who killed two soldiers in a car crash was jailed for 2½ years yesterday after admitting causing two deaths by dangerous driving. Lance-Corporal Martin Jones, 28, based at Aldershot, had fallen asleep at the wheel after an SAS selection test in the Brecon Beacons. Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court was told. He will be discharged from the Army.

Graffiti vandal free to pursue art

A graffiti vandal was released from prison after the Court of Appeal was told he had found a new purpose in life through his art. Simon Sunderland, 24, of Sheffield, served two years of a five-year sentence and will take up a place at Barnsley College to study art. Sheffield City Council had spent £5,000 removing his work from municipal buildings.

Runaway murderer recaptured

A murderer who was on the run for four days has been recaptured. Thomas McCammon, 36, was captured at a house in Edinburgh on Sunday evening after escaping from guards during an escorted visit in Leith. McCammon, who was serving life at Saughton Prison, was due to appear before Edinburgh Sheriff's Court, charged with escaping.

Rail workers 'caused explosions'

Two rail workers planted industrial fireworks inside three telephone boxes near Canterbury then watched the subsequent explosions, Maidstone Crown Court was told. Brian Gill, 46, and David Harris, 31, of Dover, deny three charges of damaging property and being reckless as to whether life was endangered. The case continues.

England footballer charged

Lee Bowyer, 19, a footballer who plays for Leeds United and the England under-21 team, was yesterday charged with violent disorder after an early-morning brawl at a fast-food restaurant last week, police said. Bowyer will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court next month with two others.

Mandy Allwood leaves hospital

Mandy Allwood, 31, who lost eight babies last week, was allowed home from hospital last night. Doctors at King's College Hospital, south London, said that she had made a good recovery despite being distraught at the loss. She is believed to have been counselled by a bereavement midwife.

High-life profits return

Evidence of a returning "feel-good" factor has come with both Rolls-Royce and Moss Bros reporting booming business. Rolls-Royce say British sales are up by 34 per cent on last year, while profits from Moss Bros's clothing stores rose by £1.7 million in six months. Record profits, page 26



Downey steers clear of MPs

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR GORDON DOWNEY, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, said last night he would prefer to turn to the Speaker of the House for assistance with his inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair than to MPs. He was determined to ensure the independence of the inquiry, which he described as "the first significant test of my role".

It was always envisaged by the Nolan committee on standards in public life that Sir Gordon would turn to the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges if he needed extra help. But he said he was not sure that this was the right procedure in this instance. The issue has become clouded after allegations that the Government had tried to frustrate the Commons inquiry into cash-for-questions.

Sir Gordon said: " I believe it is very important to ensure the independence of my inquiry, and therefore I think I should stay independent of the select committee. If I need assistance I will probably go to the House of Commons authorities, either to the Speaker or the Serjeant at Arms."

He said the inquiry was the first significant test of his role as set out by Lord Nolan. But until he had received the documents and assessed the amount of work involved, Sir Gordon said he did not know how much extra help would be required.

Despite demands from the Prime Minister, *The Guardian* and Mr Hamilton himself for the need for a speedy investigation, last night no papers had been received by Sir Gordon's office from any of the parties. There appeared to be some confusion as to whether the Cabinet Office or the Treasury solicitors' department was responsible for collating the documents and handing them over.

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ceive on benefit. At present only 4,000 people are covered by two pilot schemes. But after a meeting of ministers in London last night the plan is to be introduced in five major cities and will cover a quarter of the 250,000 long-term unemployed in Britain. Tory sources said it was the first step to extending the scheme to the whole country, a possible pledge in the Conservative election manifesto.

Under workfare the long-term unemployed have to spend 13 weeks on job retraining and 13 weeks on community projects, such as gardening and refuse collection. If they refuse to co-operate they will have 40 per cent of their benefit docked. If after 26 weeks the participants, aged between 18 and 50, fail to get a job they go back on the normal rate of unemployment benefit.

Mr Major's speech marked the start of a week-long campaign to present the Tories as a party which has not run out of steam and which has a full programme for a fifth term of government. He spoke of his determination to ensure that everyone who wanted a job should have help to get one. "to move from dole to dignity".

The conference opens today under the slogan "Opportunity for all". Asked about Mr Redwood's remarks Mr Major angrily replied: "John Redwood is a Conservative MP. He is making perfectly clear he is working for a Conservative victory at the next election."

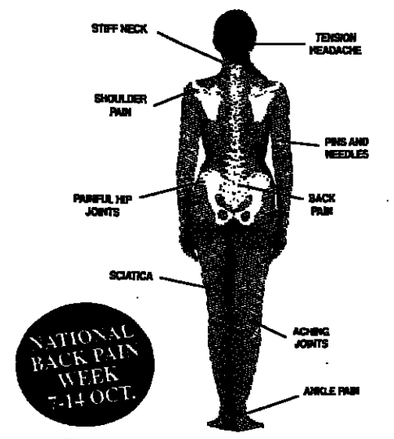
Mr Redwood later accused the BBC of taking his words out of context.

"I support Conservative candidates. I work tirelessly for the Conservative cause," he said.

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Tom and Jodi Loughlin

Children cut off 'by 3ft of sea water'

BY JOANNA BALE

THE father of Tom and Jodi Loughlin, the children who drowned after going missing on a Norfolk beach, yesterday called for action to highlight the dangers of Britain's shoreline.

Kevin Loughlin made his appeal as a coroner recorded a verdict of misadventure on Jodi, 6, and Tom, 4, who were swept out to sea.

Mr Loughlin said that he and his partner Lynette Thornton were helping each other put on suntan cream while their children ran into the water on the second day of their family holiday.

He said that Tom ran off soon after arriving at the beach at Holme next the Sea, near Hunstanton, and that Jodi had followed because her brother was calling her.

Mr Loughlin said he and Miss Thornton let the two children out of their sight for only five minutes before going to look for them. They had arrived at the beach just after 5pm and had settled at a spot 400 yards from the water's edge where they changed into swimming costumes.

Mr Loughlin told the inquest in Norwich: "Lynette was putting up Jodi's hair into a bun. Tom was already changed. Something must have excited him and he started to run off towards the direction of the water away from us. Very soon after, Jodi said: 'Mummy I have to go. Tom's calling me'."

The couple, of Upper Norwood, south London, spent nearly two hours searching the beach separately before alerting police.

The children's bodies were washed up two weeks later 30 miles away near Sheringham. Post-mortem examinations concluded that they had both drowned.

A Norfolk coastguard, David Thiel, told the inquest that on the day the children disappeared on August 18 there was spring tide that caused the sea to come in much faster than usual. There were also dangerous channels and sandbars running parallel with the beach causing pockets of water 3ft deep.

After the inquest Mr Loughlin called for action to be taken to inform the public of the dangers of "hidden shelves".

Couple say planners 'destroyed our home, our life and our dream'

Bypass scheme left £450,000 house worthless

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COUPLE'S £450,000 retirement home on the Norfolk Broads was transformed into a worthless liability when the local council announced plans for a major road to be built yards from their back door, the High Court was told yesterday.

Maurice and Audrey Balchin had dreamt of settling on the Broads since they married 40 years ago and in 1984 Mr Balchin built Swans Harbour, a waterside home with landscaped gardens, at Wroxham, the court was told.

But a year after they moved in, Norfolk County Council announced plans for a road between Wroxham and Hoveton, which would run through the garden of the neighbouring property. It was a "planning nightmare" which led to the collapse of Mr Balchin's chartered surveying business and destroyed his wife's health, Mr Justice Sedley was told.

Eleven years on, the bypass remains unbuilt, but the Balchins are bankrupt after being forced to pay back a bank loan after their property was deemed worthless by estate agents. The strain forced them to abandon the five-bedroom house, which lies overgrown and empty, to live on income support in a rented property miles away.

The judge was told that the couple had spent years pursuing fruitless appeals to Norfolk County Council, the Department of Transport and the Parliamentary Ombudsman in an attempt to win compensation. They hope the judge will overturn a ruling by the Parliamentary Ombudsman that there was no maladministration on the part of the Department of Transport when it approved the bypass.

"We are alleging there was negligence, inattention, incompetence and ineptitude by the Department of Transport," Charles George, QC, for the Balchins, told the court.

After plans for the road were announced, Norfolk County Council purchased the Balchins' neighbouring property, which had once belonged to George Formby, the entertainer. The Balchins were told they were not entitled to compensation until after the bypass was built as it would set a "dangerous precedent", Mr George told the court.

Mr Balchin had borrowed from the bank to provide his business with working capital but was told he must pay back the money as his house could no longer be regarded as an asset. His business collapsed and the couple had to move from the house on medical advice after Mrs Balchin's health deteriorated. "Mr Balchin has been unable to earn money and is on income support. Mrs Balchin's health is extremely poor as a result of this planning nightmare ... they have received no offer for the property whatsoever, derisory or otherwise, and it is fair to say that it is for all practical purposes worthless," Mr George told the court.

"The final irony is that planning permission for the road has been withdrawn. In June of this year my clients were informed by Norfolk County Council that they have revoked the planning permission and that this road scheme would not go ahead."

After a public inquiry in 1991 a Department of Transport inspector highlighted the couple's plight and said it hoped the council would act sympathetically. But in 1992 the Transport Secretary confirmed the road scheme without acting on the recommendation for understanding. Later that year the Balchins went to the ombudsman to challenge the Transport Secretary's decision but the ombudsman found there had been nothing untoward in the Department of Transport's decision. David Elvin, for the Parliamentary Ombudsman, told the judge that the Transport Secretary had no power to interfere with the county council's decision.

The Balchins now want the decision overturned on the first step of their battle for compensation. "We are alleging there was maladministration and the Parliamentary Ombudsman should have found accordingly," Mr George said. "By any standard the Balchins have had a raw deal and there doesn't seem to have been very much they could have done about it themselves."

Outside the court, Mr Balchin said his world had fallen apart when he found out about the bypass plans. "I first saw the spot where I built Swans Harbour as a schoolboy. When I met my wife we used to visit it at weekends and I told her that one day I would build her a house there. We realised our dream but then our world fell apart." He said the fact the scheme had been cancelled for the time being did not change his situation as the house would still effectively remain worthless. "But this is a matter of principle as much as anything. We can never get back what we lost, all we ever wanted was the value of the home. They've destroyed our home and life but more than anything they have destroyed our dream," he said. The case continues.



Heronby, George Formby's former home, which was to have had the bypass running through it



ROBIN MAYES

Maurice and Audrey Balchin of Swans Harbour at the High Court yesterday

Trainee barrister cleared of raping colleague

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A TRAINEE barrister was cleared yesterday of raping a fellow law student after his accuser admitted that he had desisted as soon as she said "wait".

The married woman, now qualified for the Bar, also admitted that she had not said anything to object. She made her accusation against Keoy Soo, 22, just two months after she had a short affair with him. The jury took less than an hour to find Mr Keoy, a Malaysian, not guilty.

He showed no emotion at the verdict and refused to comment on the Crown's decision to bring the case to court. But yesterday Christopher Sallon, QC, chairman of the Bar's public affairs committee, questioned whether the case should ever have been pursued. He said: "I don't know the details but in general the Crown Prosecution Service has become very, very sensitive to criticism. Cases which, five or six years ago, they would not have prosecuted, they now let the court decide. I am a great believer in juries and if they take less than one hour, you can be sure that the case was very weak."

The CPS said that the case had been committed by magistrates "who would have judged that there was sufficient case for a jury" after an old-style hearing where all the evidence was rehearsed.

During the week-long trial Kim Jenkins, for the defence, accused the female barrister, in her twenties, of crying rape because she felt guilty about betraying her husband and wanted to shift the blame. She and Mr Keoy had been friends for three years after meeting at college to study law and she had finally succumbed to his advances in a two-week affair following her marriage.

She had spurned Mr Keoy following the affair, the court was told. She claimed he hid behind a door in her room a few months later and raped her when she came in after a shower. She said she tried to knee him to escape but admitted in cross-examination that she had not actually said anything to indicate her lack of consent. He had desisted immediately when she said "Wait".

Mr Keoy, of Docklands, east London, denied one count of rape on January 19 this year and maintained he was merely responding to her advances. He said he seduced her as he had before and she went along with it. "She never told me to stop ... after we were having sex she did say stop and I stopped immediately."

Show goes on after officials decide not to play by the rules

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A RUSSIAN pianist who won this year's Leeds International Piano Competition, one of the world's most prestigious prizes, almost had to cancel a concert offered as a result of his win because government officials wanted to be sure that a British pianist could not have performed just as well.

Ilya Itin, 29, found that a win at the Leeds competition did not necessarily open doors: those into Britain seemed firmly shut when he tried to fly in from his home in New York. He found that government officials could not instantly be swayed by either his prize-winning certificate or the reviews of his performance of Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*: one critic had described him as a "pianist of formidable accomplishment" and another praised his "supreme technical command".

Itin's agent at Harrison Parrott explained that as his client had not expected to win the competition, he had not applied for a multi-entry visa. Officials eventually allowed him into Britain and he arrived just hours before his first concert with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Normally it takes four weeks to obtain a work permit.

Anthony Woodcock, managing director of the BSO, said that there were inevitably problems with visas and permits, but they usually cropped up months before — "not at the eleventh hour". "He was due to perform with us on Saturday, playing the piece he won the competition with. On Thursday, it looked as if it would be cancelled altogether. We kept getting calls from his agent. The poor chap arrived on Saturday, jetlagged, having been inconvenienced in this way." Officials, he said, "should recognise that we live in an international artistic environment".

Mike Dwyer, the British Consul in New York, explained that the Department of Employment issued work permits and that "within minutes" of hearing that one had been authorised, they issued a visa. They speeded the process by getting confirmation over the telephone, rather than seeing the paperwork. A spokeswoman for the Department of Employment confirmed that application for a work permit must be made by someone in Britain and that "anyone applying would have to demonstrate that they have carried out a search of the resident UK labour force who couldn't do the task". She said that the permit application had been made on September 23 by Harrison Parrott. "So it has been dealt with very quickly: they had it within a week and half and it usually takes 20 working days. Employers are aware that we cannot turn them round overnight, but we try to be as helpful as we can."

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Whiplash injury 'wrecked sculptor's career'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SCULPTOR who claims his career was ruined by whiplash injuries suffered in an apparently "trivial" road accident started his fight for compensation in the High Court yesterday.

Michael D'Alby Black, 68, whose past commissions have included busts of prime ministers Sir Alec Douglas-Home and Harold Macmillan, has not worked since his car was struck from behind by a baker's van on the M4 in 1991, Miss Jean Ritchie, QC, his counsel, told the court.

"That trivial accident has had the most devastating consequences for Mr Black," she said. "At the time of the accident he was 62 years old, he was a sculptor and a sculptor of renown. He has never been able to work since the accident."

She said that his work was his life. "He was able to express himself through his art and he derived huge pleasure and satisfaction from sculpting."

Miss Ritchie said that success had brought Mr Black a good lifestyle, enabling him to live in a five-bedroom house in Oxford and to send three of his children to private schools.

At the time of the accident he had been planning a retrospective exhibition of his work to be held in summer 1994, the court was told. "But he was never able to complete the work for the retrospective, and prestigious commissions that he was offered after the accident had to be turned down," Miss Ritchie said. "He has never been able to achieve that apotheosis of his artistic expression that means so much to an artist and upon which future work can be built."

She described Mr Black as a man of great strength who before the accident thought nothing of wielding heavy tools, moving heavy blocks of granite or rowing for 30 miles. He was now unable to do so.

Mr Black is seeking substantial damages from the driver of the van which struck him and his employers at the time, the Family Loaf Bakery, of Windsor, Berkshire, who admit liability but dispute the amount of compensation.

Miss Ritchie told Mr Justice Morland that but for the accident, Mr Black would have continued with his artistic endeavours for the rest of his life. But he faces defence claims that due to "pre-existing degenerative changes" in his back, he would not have been able to continue with his demanding work beyond the age of 65.

Guy Anthony, counsel for the defence, said one of the key issues was the true level of Mr Black's earning power at the time of the accident.

The hearing continues.



D'Alby Black: sculpted busts of prime ministers

Tartan tax threat leaves kilt wearers reeling

BY ALAN HAMILTON

TORY threats that devolution for Scotland would mean a "tartan tax" have failed to mention a more immediately pressing problem — a threat by the Inland Revenue to tax kilts.

Employees of Hector Russell, a large Scottish manufacturer of Highland dress, who are issued with kilts, sporrans and other Highland accoutrements as part of their work, were told by the taxman recently that they were a benefit in kind, and they would have to pay tax on them. With typical Celtic canniness, the Scots have found what in other circumstances would be a most undesirable feature in a kilt — a loophole.

The company will now issue its workers with kilts featuring a non-detachable pin bearing the Hector Russell logo. That, they believe, will turn the kilt into a uniform which employees would wear only at work, and in which they would not be seen dead in public.

Tax officials recently singled out the company, and demanded six years' back tax on the workers' kilts, on the grounds that they were normal dress which could be worn outside and were therefore a taxable benefit. However, the company has now negotiated a period of grace, promising that by next year all its employees will be wearing only kilts emblazoned with the company name and logo. They will then, it is hoped, be classed as uniforms.

Michael Cantlay, chairman of Hector Russell, said yesterday that the problem could affect many thousands of employees in the tourist and retail industries in Scotland who regularly wear Highland dress as part of their work. He would be working with the Scottish Tourist Board to spread awareness of the problem.

The Inland Revenue in London yesterday denied that the taxman was singling out Scots. "The rule is that if clothing identifies the wearer as being a member of a certain occupation, like a policeman or a nurse, it is not taxable," a spokesman said. "If a bank employee is issued with a blazer bearing the word Barclays, we assume he would not wear that in his spare time, and it is therefore classed as a uniform and not taxable. But the company logo has to be conspicuous and permanent — enough to deter the wearer from using the garment for their own leisure."

Fighting the Revenue on the question of work clothes has a long history. Ann Mallalieu, QC, the prominent barrister, took her case for dark court clothes to be tax-deductible all the way to the House of Lords, but in the end they allowed her only her wig and gown. Opera singers have also successfully argued for the elaborate gowns in which they sing, on the grounds that under no circumstances would they walk through Covent Garden on their way to work dressed like that.

Golf club bans mother and adopted son

BY EMMA WILKINS

A MOTHER whose 13-year-old son was banned from taking part in a family golfing tournament because he was adopted said yesterday she would never return to the club which discriminated against him. Audrey Briggs, an accomplished player who has represented Great Britain and Ireland in golf tournaments, said Burhill Golf Club, at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, was enforcing unacceptable, upsetting and antiquated rules.

A spokesman insisted yesterday that Burhill would make no comment until Dick Richards, the club secretary, returned from his holiday next week.

Mrs Briggs and her husband, who adopted their son Laurie as a baby in Brazil, had never faced discrimination until mother and son entered a family foursomes tournament at Burhill last August. The pair played well enough to progress to the third round but an unnamed fellow competitor complained to the club secretary that they had broken the rules because Laurie was adopted.

"We are not ashamed of Laurie, in fact we are proud to have adopted him," Mrs Briggs said from the family home in West Kirby, Cheshire. "I am reasonably well known by players because I have been playing golf for years and someone knew that Laurie was adopted and complained. I couldn't possibly say how I feel about that person," she added.

Laurie, who is in his first term at Shrewsbury School, was told by his matron that he would not be allowed to play in the next round at Burhill. "I spoke to him to explain but Laurie was just perplexed by the whole thing. He was down in the dumps for a bit but he just put it down to grown-ups behaving very oddly," Mrs Briggs said.

"If Burhill were to change the rules and welcome us then I would go back, but I will never go back otherwise. I really do think in this day and age that its very out of date and quite unacceptable to discriminate against an adopted child. At least by bringing it out in the open I will prevent some other mother from the upset of finding out that their adopted child is not allowed to play."

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal & Ancient, the St Andrews body which governs the rules of the game, said he deplored the club's action. "It is awful and very sad. It goes against the whole concept of a family foursome as they appear to be saying that some families aren't as much families as others. I have every sympathy for Mrs Briggs and her son and I hope the club will have another think about its conditions. I wouldn't want to play in a competition where players complained that somebody's son was adopted.

Ray Burniston, national secretary of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, said: "Golf clubs run their own competitions and are able to set their own rules, which people must accept. I have two adopted sons and I believe that family competitions should be for all families, whether they are step-families or adopted."

Laurie's father, also called Laurie, is a former captain of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club. His wife won four Welsh championships in five years from 1970 and twice represented Great Britain and Ireland.

CHRIS LAUREN



Barred: Laurie Briggs was disqualified after a club member complained

Palestinian woman 'planted car bomb outside embassy'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MIDDLE-AGED Palestinian housewife planted a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London as part of a plot to disrupt the Middle Eastern peace accord, it was claimed at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The other plotters were allegedly three Palestinians who were highly integrated into English society and members of the middle or upper-middle classes. They were graduates of British universities and used their training to help to make the bomb left outside the Embassy in July 1994 and a device placed near a Jewish organisation in north London a few hours later.

Nadia Zekra, 50, of West Kensington, London, denies planting the bomb outside the Embassy. Samar Alami, 30, of South Kensington, London; Jawed Botmeh, 28, of Bloomsbury, London; and Mahmoud Abu Wadeh, 26, from Putney, southwest London, plead not guilty to one charge of conspiracy to cause explosions between 1993 and 1995, one charge of possessing explosive and three charges involving the possession of firearms.

The bomb outside the Israeli Embassy was left in a car parked by a middle-aged woman on July 26, 1994. The woman told PC Ian Duncan, on diplomatic patrol outside the Embassy, she was delivering a present and had been asked come back in a few minutes. The woman told the policeman she was going to buy some cigarettes and offered him the keys of her car before walking away. PC Duncan grew anxious and radioed to check the registration. The car seemed genuine, but within minutes it exploded, causing £5 million of damage.

The bomb was made with many kilos of a high explosive that left no trace. A similar explosive was used that evening to detonate a car bomb close to Balfour House, in Finchley High Street, the base of the Jewish Philanthropic Organisation.

Mr Calvert-Smith said none of the five were accused of planning the north London bomb. The following days letters claiming responsibility were sent to two London Arabic newspapers and to the London office of the PLO by a group calling itself the Palestinian Resistance Jaffa Group Palestine.

Mr Calvert-Smith said Mrs Zekra was picked out in an identity parade by PC Duncan.

Mr Botweh, said counsel, bought the two cars for the bombs at auctions using false addresses and names. Miss Alami had a handwritten list of prominent English Jews.

At Mr Abu Wadeh's home police found a list of the names of the editors to whom the claims for the bombs had been sent. A fingerprint from Miss Alami was on the paper. The trial continues.

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Queen returns to confront family dilemma

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen returns to London today from the tranquility of her holiday in Balmoral to confront the continuing problem of the Duchess of York.

Palace officials are privately expressing increasing concern at the duchess's continuing high-spending lifestyle, and at the fact that three new books by or about her threaten further to tarnish by association the reputation of the Royal Family.

Royal sources have, however, strongly denied reports in some newspapers that the Queen has called a "summit" to discuss what to do about the duchess, and that the monarch is planning to pay off the duchess's reported £5 million debts in return for her living in exile abroad, giving all claim to her two children Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, and withdrawing her autobiography due to be published next month.

"The fact that something needs to be done is not the same as the fact that something is being done," one royal source said yesterday. "The Queen would like to be sympathetic, but the solution to the problem does not lie in her hands. The duchess should know that there are obligations as well as privileges to being connected with the Royal Family."

Sources have also discounted reports that the Duke of York is prepared to help bale out his former wife with a gift of £400,000. "It is a difficult predicament for the duchess, and no one here wishes to be unsympathetic. But it is also difficult for the duke, who has only his Royal Navy pay and does not have £400,000 to lay hands on at a moment's notice," one palace official said.

The Palace is now waiting to see whether the duchess's autobiography breaches the personal undertaking she gave to the Queen at the time of her divorce that she would never write anything revealing or damaging about other members of the Royal Family.

Major Ronald Ferguson, the duchess's father, confirmed yesterday that his daughter would never enter any deal that meant her giving up her two children. "Sarah is strong and, contrary to what is said in the newspapers, she does not flee from anything. She is fed up with the really vicious press comment."

Major Ferguson added: "What happended in the past happened in the past. She must be allowed now to get on with her personal life."

Jury told Clegg story libelled law firm

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A LEADING firm of Belfast solicitors was libelled by a front-page article in *The Times* which reported claims that it was inefficient in preparing the defence case for Pte Lee Clegg, a Belfast jury was told yesterday.

The paratrooper was convicted in 1993 of the murder of Karen Reilly after he opened fire on joyriders in West Belfast in 1990 after their car sped through a security check point. Pte Clegg was freed on licence in July 1995 after a campaign led by a group of retired officers from the Parachute Regiment.

Michael Lavery QC, for the Belfast solicitors McCartan, Turkington, Breen, which originally acted for the soldier, told Belfast High Court yesterday that *The Times* repeated allegations in a front page article that the firm had failed fully to investigate scientific and ballistic evidence.

The article, which was the main item on the paper's front page on January 24, 1995, included a report of a press conference in Yorkshire called by the Clegg Campaign Committee.

Mr Lavery told the court: "It is difficult to imagine a graver case than a case of murder, which calls for the utmost professionalism, and to have someone to point the finger and say you made a mess of it."

The hearing continues today.



One of the 32 gold coins

Legend of buried gold comes true

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A LOCAL legend about buried treasure has proved true after a metal detector enthusiast found a hoard of 486 Civil War coins.

Roy Lewis, 54, who found 32 gold and 454 silver coins near an historic mansion on the Tregwynt estate, near Fishguard, said: "There has been a local legend that treasure was buried in the area but everyone assumed it was from when the French invaded 150 years later."

The coins, believed to have been buried in 1646, span 150 years and five Royal reigns. They were almost certainly buried in haste by Llewellyn Harries, Tregwynt's owner and a Royalist.

Mr Lewis was invited to search for treasure when Michael and Ann Sayer, the estate's owners, dug up the grounds to make way for tennis courts.

From the golden years of jam-making and cleaning to the harsh realities of menopause and divorce



Women of the hour at Broadcasting House yesterday: from left, arts administrator Genista McIntosh, actress Diana Quick, writer Marina Warner, MP Clare Short, presenter Jenni Murray, MP Edwina Currie and broadcaster Janet Street-Porter

Woman's Hour marks 50 years of domestic service

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

FIFTY years after it went on air telling women about the all-purpose duster and how to deslime their flannel, *Woman's Hour* yesterday celebrated its golden anniversary.

The BBC Radio 4 programme, invented by a man to encourage women to rebuild their domestic lives after wartime service, marked its half century with a special programme featuring women who have considerably more in their lives than housework and who also turn 50 this year: they included the MPs Edwina Currie and Clare Short and Janet Street-Porter, the former head of youth programming for BBC TV.

Woman's Hour, radio's longest-running magazine programme and the first which dared to mention the menopause, started life on October 7, 1946, as a lighthearted 60 minutes spent discussing jam-making and child-rearing, but is now at the cutting edge of feminism and politics. Some critics believe the show has become too militant.

Today's more hard-hitting format, hosted by Jenni Murray, embraces discussions on divorce, prostitution and child abuse as well as more homely subjects, and has not found favour with many of the old school.



Alan Ivieson: presented first programme in 1946

Jean Metcalfe, 73, who presented the programme from 1947 to 1958, said: "It is not for women of my generation any more. It is an entirely different thing because young women are an entirely different species today. I think the subjects and the way they are presented are far too assertive now. We used to do the whole thing in a much more lighthearted way. I can't say that I listen to it very much these days."

The novelist June Knox-Mawer, 66, host of *Weekend Woman's Hour* from 1979 to 1983, said the current programme was "heavy".

"It wasn't so earnest then ... we were allowed to be frivolous and lighthearted. There was something special about that old afternoon slot, when the hard work was done and women could have a break."

The first programme, which went out between 2pm and 3pm, was presented by Alan Ivieson, who told women listeners this was "your programme — designed for you". During a set piece known as Mother's Midday Meal, Mary Manton extolled the virtues of bread rationing and confided that she liked to cook herrings for lunch because she could mop and dust while the fish cooked.

Yesterday's live programme featured a quiz on women's issues. In a series of programmes this week, Helen Mirren will consider the benefits of turning 50, Patricia Hodge will look back at the treatment of animals by *Woman's Hour* and Maureen Lipman will examine its coverage of men.

Former Test star forced to sign on

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A FORMER England fast bowler signed on the dole yesterday because he has had no regular work since he was made redundant as a coach for Surrey at the beginning of the summer.

Graham Dilley, 37, is preparing to raise money by selling some of the trophies and medals he won during a career in which he became England's 18th highest Test wicket-taker.

He is particularly worried that he may have to sell the cottage in Worcestershire where he lives with his unemployed wife, Nikki, and their two young sons. "At the moment I am just surviving, but if something doesn't turn up soon, I will be in trouble."

Dilley, who had to retire from first-class cricket after he suffered a back injury in 1992, was employed by Surrey in 1994. However, he was unable to move south because he could not sell the family home. "I was having to commute. Surrey said they could not afford the mileage and so they let me go."

Unlike many leading players, Dilley, who took 138 wickets in his 41 tests, did not have a benefit year. He said he had not been able to find any work to do with cricket. "I thought it would not be that much of a problem but I obviously misjudged that one."

He said he was well rewarded for his services to England and in domestic cricket. "But it's not as if I was set for life and just frittered all my money away."

David Graveney, general secretary of the Cricketers' Association, the players' trade union, said: "This is very sad. You do sometimes find a county player who finds himself in this situation. However, this seems unique for a player of such a high profile."



Dilley: misjudged the job situation

'Soft touch' clergy to be taught how to turn away undeserving

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY are to be briefed today on how to deal with the growing numbers of drunks, drug addicts and thieves who turn up on their vicarage doorsteps demanding money.

The Gloucester diocese is concerned that clergy and their wives, while trying to obey the biblical imperative to be Good Samaritans, face growing threats of violence from beggars who are often mentally ill or want money for drugs or drink.

The conference was planned before the murder of the Rev Christopher Gray, 32, stabbed to death outside his parish church in Liverpool in August. The clergy are also under threat from bullying and intimidation by the public, according to the MSF union, which has a growing clergy section. It is preparing a report on how clergy can learn to cope.

Violence, taunting and teasing have increased in the past 20 years as the once universal respect for the Church has declined, undermining confidence among clergy and causing distress to their families. The Christian command to "turn the other cheek" means many are unwilling or do not know how to fight back.

Many clergy are seen as easy targets by drug addicts and violent callers. The Right Rev David Bentley, Bishop of Gloucester, has invited his clergy and their partners to attend today's conference, titled "Knocking at Heaven's Door", in order "to explore how the Church can respond to the needs of the casual caller".

Many such conferences are planned throughout the country. The Rev John Penny, priest-in-charge at Upton St Leonards in the Gloucester diocese, said: "In the old days callers maybe just wanted money for a cup of tea and a sandwich. We are now getting drug addicts and mentally ill people who have perhaps been returned to the community too early."

Chris Ball, of the MSF, said: "We want to see the issue of violence and the problems of working alone taken seriously by the Church." He said people providing one-to-one services in areas of social depravation were at risk.

CORRECTION

The number of ethnic Hungarians in Romania is 1.6 million (report, September 17).

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Irish police fly to London after cannabis haul is uncovered in Dublin

Murder suspect held over cash export

BY AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN GILLIGAN, a self-confessed prime suspect for the murder of Veronica Guerin, an Irish journalist, was being questioned by police in London yesterday about an alleged attempt to carry £300,000 on a flight from Heathrow to Amsterdam.

Two senior Irish police officers — one from the Irish Criminal Assets Bureau and another investigating the murder of Ms Guerin — flew to London to help British police with their inquiries.

In Dublin, police investigating the murder uncovered a substantial amount of cannabis resin in a raid on a warehouse on Sunday. An 18-hour news blackout had been requested by the police.

Mr Gilligan has denied any involvement in the murder of Ms Guerin, who was shot dead in her car on the outskirts of Dublin in June. An investigative journalist with the *Sunday Independent*, Ms Guerin wrote about the Dublin criminal underworld.

Mr Gilligan, a Dubliner with a long list of criminal convictions, has been in Amsterdam since Ms Guerin's murder, apart from brief visits to Ireland. Irish police said he had travelled from Amsterdam to London and was returning to the Dutch capital when he was arrested at Heathrow.

Mr Gilligan was travelling with a man who had been released from jail earlier this year. It is believed that Michael Cunningham travelled from Ireland and met Mr Gilligan in London. Mr Cunningham was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment in 1986 for kidnapping Jennifer Guinness, the wife of the now-deceased merchant banker, John Guinness.

A Customs spokesman said Gilligan was arrested under the Drug Trafficking Act. Anyone exporting more than £10,000 in cash automatically falls under suspicion. Mr Gilligan, 44, must prove to the British authorities that he obtained the £300,000 legally. In the past he has claimed to have earned most of his money from gambling. He estimates he is worth £15 million. Last month, the Criminal Assets Bureau served a tax bill for £1.75 million on Mr Gilligan.

Ms Guerin's murder has prompted a huge police trawl of the Dublin criminal underworld. More than 60 people have been arrested and more than £100,000 seized. But so far nobody has been charged with her murder.

Public outrage at the death of the 36-year-old mother spurred the Irish Government into introducing legislation to allow police and Revenue Commissioners greater powers of seizure and arrest. Last week, police raided the office of Michael Hanahoe, a leading Irish criminal lawyer. They removed a number of files related to the Guerin murder inquiry.

A former member of the Warehouse gang, which raided banks and warehouses in the 1980s, Mr Gilligan normally lives in a house in Enfield, Co Meath, owned by his wife, Geraldine, who runs Jessbrook, an equestrian centre.

Ms Guerin had intended taking a court case against Mr Gilligan for assault. In an affidavit sworn before her death, she said she was fearful of Mr Gilligan. She wrote: "I believe the threats made to me by John Gilligan were meant to put me in fear." Mr Gilligan admits he made threats to kill Ms Guerin but said these were only to stop her investigating his criminal activities.



Saint Laurent: intimate salon

SIMON WALKER



Fashionably discreet: the invited group of journalists and a model at the understated Yves Saint Laurent show

Yves runs away from catwalk circus

BY GRACE BRADBERRY
STYLE EDITOR

YVES SAINT LAURENT, the man who virtually invented *pret-à-porter*, yesterday staged a revolt against the "circus" of the Paris ready-to-wear shows. Abandoning the catwalk, he instead invited selected press to the sitting-room of YSL headquarters.

There, amid the sofas, mirrors and clothes rails, nine models showed just 25 outfits from the 100 pieces in his spring/summer '97 collection.

Instead of the usual scrum, with hundreds of press, buyers, and hangers-on fighting for seats, we journalists numbered just 24. Buyers will visit next week.

But above all, Saint Laurent had done away with the showbusiness glamour. The shows are now extravaganzas of music, lighting and styling and can easily cost £250,000.

Yesterday, however, it was Pierre Bergé, Saint Laurent's business partner since 1962, who introduced the collection and ushered the models out into the silence of the salon. It was, as Bergé had predicted, "an intimate moment for serious fashion-watchers".

Afterwards, Saint Laurent himself appeared and mingled freely with his "guests". This in itself constitutes a fashion event, as the designer is famously reclusive.

He appeared almost gregarious as he explained his retreat from Paris fashion week. "It is dreadful. The crowd, the music, the whole show," he said. "It has become all about the staging and the spectacle, rather than the clothes. That is very bad for fashion."

Both Saint Laurent and Bergé have become frustrated with the delays and the obsession with celebrities and supermodels. The shows do, however, generate enormous publicity, boosting sales of perfumes, scarves and cosmetics. Saint Laurent will continue to show his couture collections at the Hotel Intercontinental.

Saint Laurent was once a master at dealing with the media and loved to draw attention with his then shocking designs — see-through dresses, tuxedos for women, known as "le smoking", thigh-length boots and dresses that became pop-art canvasses.

Now he is known instead for beautiful reinterpretations of his classic designs. Yesterday's presentation included a one-button version of his "le smoking", worn with a long bias-cut black skirt and the ruby heart necklace which Saint Laurent awards to his favourite outfit.

Other highlights were a long black dress with a kidney-shaped chiffon panel at the back, reminiscent of earlier Picasso-inspired designs, and a turquoise and blue dress with a V-neck and full sleeves.

There are signs that other designers could follow Saint Laurent's lead, signalling the death of the *pret-à-porter* shows as they are now.

Benefit of foreign diet in the balance

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE Mediterranean diet, held up as a healthy alternative to typical British food, may not be so good for us after all. Traditional British dishes contain less fat and fewer calories than some of the continental fare taking their place, *Health Which?* says.

The magazine, published by the Consumers' Association, says that a lean pork chop with gravy, boiled potatoes, carrots and frozen peas has 22 per cent less fat and 308 fewer calories than lasagne with a chunk of bread, and has more vitamins C and E. A Greek salad with feta cheese and garlic bread has 39 grams more fat and 429 more calories than a shepherd's pie with broccoli.

The magazine says, however, that there are lessons to be learnt from the Continent, particularly the use of olive oil instead of saturated animal fat and regular consumption of fruit and vegetables — at least five pieces a day compared with 2½ on average in Britain. Saturated fats have been linked to heart disease, while antioxidants in fruit and vegetables help to prevent heart disease.

David Dickinson, Editor of *Health Which?*, said: "Adaptation is the name of the game. We can benefit from the Mediterranean way of eating, but do it our way."

Diagnosis as a shot in the dark



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE Pope has entered hospital to have his appendix removed. The procedure will allow surgeons to look around his abdomen to make certain there is no other cause for his recurrent bouts of fever, associated with abdominal pain.

In the Pope's case the differential diagnosis, the possibilities of what could be wrong, is wide open. It was a very different medical story when a man, unnamed in the report of his case, was recently admitted to hospital with classic appendicitis symptoms.

The patient, a countryman who enjoyed shooting, developed sudden abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting. Within an hour or two the pain had shifted to the lower right abdomen. When this became tender, he sent for the doctor.

An acutely inflamed appendix was removed. The surgeon thought it had an unusual feel and when he opened it found it full of lead shot. The patient was as keen on his food as his shooting and would have had time to sample grouse, the first of this year's game. He made an uneventful recovery and is now looking forward to the pheasant and partridge season.

The appendix is a cul de sac leading off the large bowel and forms a pouch of the embryonic caecum. The appendix varies enormously in size and shape but, except for the greatly increased amount of lymphoid and fibrous tissue within it, tends to have a structure similar to the caecum from which it grew in foetal life.

Errors in the diagnosis of appendicitis are common, particularly in old age. As the appendix is a blind alley, with its opening leading out of the caecum, all the intestinal debris flows past it during digestion. The Edwardians thought that to swallow fruit pips could cause appendicitis as they could stray into the appendix, become trapped, obstruct the lumen of the appendix and become the site of infection. The pips theory has fallen into disrepute, but lead shot makes a more exciting alternative.

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'Worried well' urged to forgo flu vaccine

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

HEALTHY adults are being urged to forgo flu vaccinations to ensure that enough vaccine is available to protect those at the highest risk.

Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said six million doses of vaccine were being distributed to GPs who were being asked to make sure it was not wasted. Instead, it should be restricted to those most vulnerable to the illness, including people with heart or kidney disease, diabetes, a chronic chest complaint or lowered immunity and those in residential homes.

Evidence suggests that up to one in four vaccinations is performed on healthy adults — described as the "worried well" — and people with other conditions that do not put them at risk. These people should go to the back of the queue, Sir Kenneth said as he launched the year's vaccination campaign.

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Daughter pays West 'house a final visit

BY BILL FROST

DEMOLITION work began yesterday on 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, as the city council announced that Rosemary West would be allowed a say in the future of the site.

Gloucester City Council said no direct approaches would be made to West, jailed for life for ten murders, but any views expressed through Leo Goatley, her solicitor, would be considered.

Anne-Marie Davis, Frederick West's daughter, visited the house before demolition work began. Mrs Davis, who was abused by her father and stepmother in the basement, said: "I felt that I needed to visit the house for one last time to lay it to rest. As I was going down the stairs, I could feel and almost taste the fear."

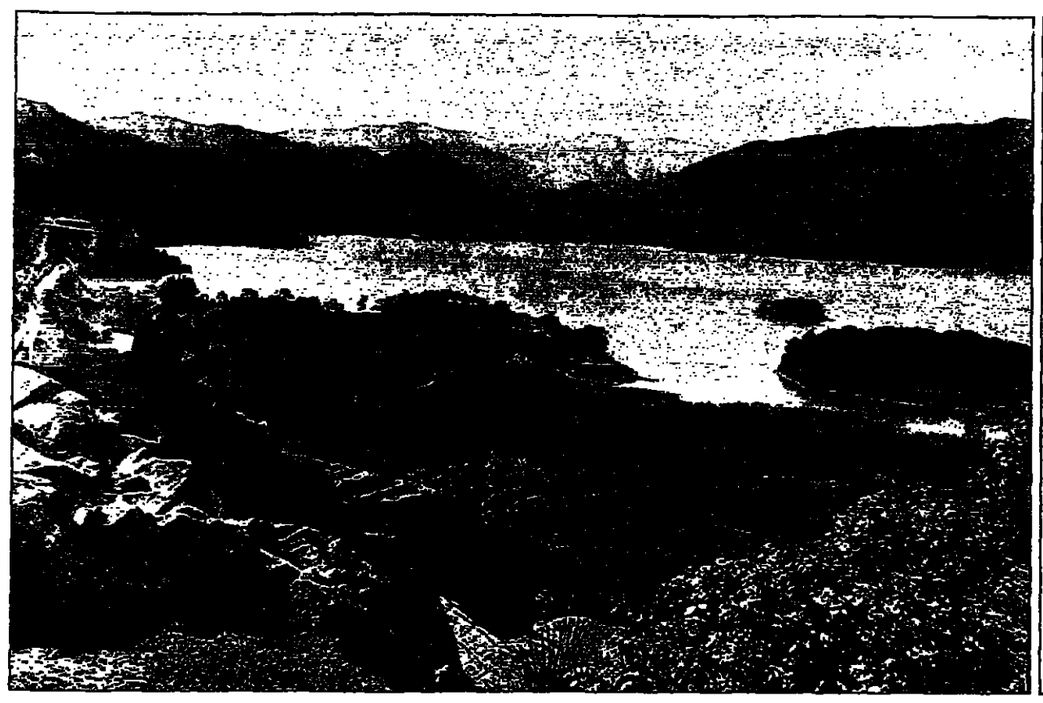
The city council yesterday announced details of a public consultation, costing £15,000, to seek views of residents and the victims' families about the future of the site. Demolition is expected to be completed in about a fortnight.

Asked if approaches would be made to West in Durham jail, Mike McCabe, a council spokesman, said: "We will not be contacting Rosemary West, but if we receive any opinions via her solicitor then they will be looked at along with everything else."

Relatives of those murdered at 25 Cromwell Street by West and her husband, who committed suicide while awaiting trial, will be interviewed first. About 350 people living in the immediate area will then be consulted. Interviews are also being arranged with some of the older West children.

Mr Goatley said: "When someone suggested some time ago that 25 Cromwell Street should be demolished and a memorial garden created in memory of the victims, Mrs West expressed the view that it would be a good idea."

Caroline Roberts, a former teenage nanny to the West children who survived an attack by their parents, said yesterday, "It's not right to remember those young girls in the place where they suffered so much. A memorial should be in a religious place, in the cathedral or in its grounds, where it will be treated with respect."



PHILLIPS FINE ART AUCTIONEERS



Henry Mayson's view of Derwent Water, featuring his children. George and Ashley Abraham went to extraordinary lengths to capture their subjects

Gallery of forgotten Victorian photographs offers slice of Lakeland history on a plate

BY JOHN SHAW

A COLLECTION of 8,500 photographic negatives of the Lake District, stored in a loft in Leicestershire for 30 years, is expected to fetch up to £80,000 at auction next week. Many of the images date from Victorian times.

The glass plates, weighing 3½ tons, feature the work of the celebrated photographers Henry Mayson, George and Ashley Abraham and their father, also George.

Peter Foster, a retired headmaster who bought the plates for less than £2,000 when they were sold as trade stock in the 1960s, said yesterday: "When I bought them it was my intention to set up a gallery when my wife and I retired to Keswick. Our plans have changed a bit since then, and now, quite frankly, we've run out of steam. We'd really like someone else to have them who will appreciate them and, perhaps, exhibit them as we planned to do."

Roger Smith, the specialist in charge of the sale at Phillips, said: "These photographs represent a fantastic slice of social history from one of the most beautiful areas of Britain. They show everyday life in a most vivid way — bridal groups, football teams, cricket elevens and the volunteer fire brigade which turned up every year for its annual group picture. They are full of nostalgia."

The photographs include scenes of rural life, shepherds on the fells, housewives at market in long skirts and white aprons and local personalties. Among them is the only known picture of John Peel, the huntsman.

Mr Smith said it took a full day to remove the plates from Mr Foster's loft at Melton Mowbray, as the heavy boxes had to be brought down a ladder one at a time. The biggest of the plates measures 2ft by 1½ft.

The collections span the period from 1860 to 1950 and include portraits of the Royal Family, of the art critic John Ruskin and of later visitors such as J.B. Priestley.

George and Ashley Abrahams, known as the "Keswick brothers", are the best known of the Victorian Lakeland photographers. They expanded their horizons to mountain climbing in the Swiss Alps and Ashley Abraham became president of the Rock and Fell Climbing Club.

Their father was born in Wiltshire in 1844 and set up his photographic business in Keswick in 1866. Although he concentrated on portraits he also had a passion for landscapes. He later became a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.

His sons would haul up to 20lb of equipment to seemingly inaccessible crags and peaks to capture the views they desired. They worked with an Underwood whole plate camera and the results have a stunning clarity. They used plates of particularly low emulsion and enlargements suffered virtually no loss in quality and have a sharpness that still draws admiration. It took time to set up the shots for the four-second exposures, which frequently necessitated the brothers clinging motionless to the rock face. Their methods produced photographs of a standard never seen before.



The Abraham brothers were keen mountaineers who also went climbing in the Swiss Alps

The Abraham brothers were responsible for several innovations: they were the first to produce aerial photographs, from a Tiger Moth before the First World War, the first to produce scenic postcards in Britain, and among the first photographers to supply colour slides to *National Geographic* magazine in America.

Both Mayson and the Abrahams had studios in Lake Road, Keswick. The businesses passed down the respective families, but old age and retirement took their toll and both shops closed in the 1960s. Mayson's glass plates were found in the cellar of his studio, untouched for years.

Mr Smith said that news of the auction, which will be held at Retford in Nottinghamshire a week today, was spreading among photographic enthusiasts. "We expect a lot of interest next week," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five deny royal visit charges

More than 200 protesters gathered outside Aberystwyth Magistrates' Court yesterday as five Welsh students pleaded not guilty to public order offences during the Queen's visit to Wales in May. The five were remanded to appear again on December 12. T-shirts, bearing the Queen's inverted head and a slogan critical of the monarchy, are being sold by the Welsh Language Society to raise funds for the five's defence.

Ambulance taken

An ambulance was stolen while its crew helped a pregnant woman in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, in the early hours of Saturday. The woman had to wait 20 minutes before a replacement vehicle arrived. The thieves later crashed the ambulance.

Young on streets

Up to 8 per cent of people aged between 16 and 25 in some large towns are homeless, according to a survey carried out by the YMCA. The study found that 140,937 young people in Britain are without a home, while 315,743 have no permanent place to live.

Crowther funeral

Celebrities including comedian Ronnie Barker and comedy actress June Whitfield were among hundreds of mourners at the funeral of Leslie Crowther, the former game show host, near his home in Corston, Bath. Mr Crowther, 63, died last month.

Deer destroyed

A red deer which attacked two visitors at Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, two weeks ago has been destroyed. The couple, who were injured when the stag struck them with its antlers, were treated in hospital for cuts and bruises to their legs.

Close call

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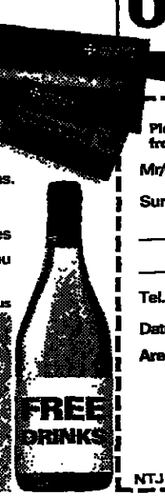
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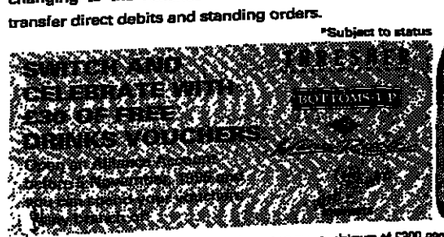
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Party's top ten will have an eye on the number one spot

The Tories are holding three separate, but overlapping, conferences in Bournemouth this week. The official one is intended to show that, after 17½ years in power, the Tories still have plenty of ideas on education, welfare reform, law and order etc for the "hard-working classes as opposed to the chattering classes". By focusing on domestic policy, the Tories hope to demonstrate that they have plenty of substance to unveil, in contrast to the safety-first gloss of Labour. And they want to distract attention from "sleaze" allegations and the other two, less official conferences, on Europe and the future Tory leadership.

John Major's move to pre-empt conference speculation over the single currency by his article in *The Times* on Saturday *may* reduce the volume of dissent, but it will certainly not silence the sceptics. At least 11 fringe meetings will be devoted to Europe this week, featuring the familiar cast of characters. Despite the largely phoney squall over last night's *Panorama* programme, John Redwood is cannily seeking to emphasise points of agreement within the Tory party and differences with Labour, though few of

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Kenneth Clarke's allies would agree. But others are likely to be less restrained in arguing that ruling out British involvement in a single currency the next Parliament is an election winner — even though it would be a Cabinet splitter.

But the conference will also be a beauty parade of potential successors to Mr Major. If the polls are right — and Mr Major had the last laugh in 1992 — this could be his last conference as party leader. And loyal though his colleagues *now* are, they are all setting out their stalls for the future, both on the fringe and in the main speeches from the platform. It will be rather like one of those non-binding caucus polls which the American parties hold in Florida or Louisiana nearly a year before election day featuring up to a dozen candidates, serious and fringe. These polls are fun, but no guide to who will be picked.

The Tory field is equally wide now. At least ten leading Tories either regard themselves as candidates or are mentioned as such — nearly half the Cabinet plus Mr Redwood. This week, all will try to establish the right credentials — in favour of a competitive rather than a social Europe, cool on a single currency, and with hints of radical ideas on rolling back the state and welfare reform. The most outspoken in their radicalism are likely to be those usually seen as loyal managers, such as Ian Lang and Gillian Shephard, or with a centre-left background like Stephen Dorrell. By contrast, established rightwingers, let alone Mr Redwood, have less to prove and will not want to be accused of rocking the boat. There is no obvious frontrunner now since the Right is divided, in some cases bitterly, between supporters of Mr Redwood and Michael Portillo. None of the centre candidates has yet emerged form the pack.

The MORI poll in *The Economist* showed that among Tory voters the three top candidates if the party loses the next election are Mr Major himself, Michael Heseltine and Baroness Thatcher, with everyone else trailing well behind. Similar polls in 1989, a year before the coup against Lady Thatcher, put Mr Major nowhere. So all will depend on how the contenders perform between now and the general election, the extent of the Tory defeat (Mr Major will become Supreme Leader for Life, or at least another year or two, if the Tories win) and whether any lose their seats. The three candidates from Scotland — Mr Lang, Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Forsyth — have vulnerable seats. But if they survive, the final round of any Tory leadership contest could easily be between two of the three with Mr Forsyth the fast rising star of the Right.

PETER RIDDELL

McAlpine facing loss of the whip over defection

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories are preparing to remove the party whip from Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former party treasurer, in response to his high profile defection to the Referendum Party.

But Lord McAlpine vowed not to give up the whip without a fight. "I am still a Conservative. But on Europe the Referendum Party has got it right."

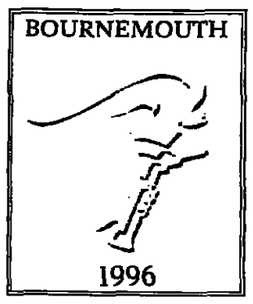
Lord McAlpine can technically remain on the Tory benches in the House of Lords until the party formally removes the whip. Many Tories at the party conference in Bournemouth dismissed the McAlpine move as a publicity stunt and believed he would return to the fold.

But the party high command has held back from threatening to expel members who follow in the footsteps of the close friend of Baroness Thatcher and go over to Sir James Goldsmith's party.

The Referendum Party was given another significant boost last night by the recruitment of Viscount Tonypandy, the former Labour Speaker of the House of Commons.

Viscount Tonypandy, 87, who sits on the crossbenches in the Lords as is the convention for former Speakers, has made a pre-recorded speech for the Referendum Party conference in Brighton, which Lord McAlpine will chair. He is unable to deliver it in person because he has to go into hospital for an operation.

Discussions were held with senior Tories at Bournemouth last night over Lord McAlpine's defection on the eve of the party conference



which was branded "treachery" by party activists.

One party source said: "Campaigning for another political party, which is putting up candidates against us, is not compatible with taking the Tory whip in the House of Lords. When Parliament resumes the situation will be reviewed."

A defiant Lord McAlpine, treasurer of the Tory Party under Lady Thatcher, said: "If the party wishes to remove the whip it is entirely a matter for them. I have no intention of getting into a slanging match with Conservative Central Office over whether I should or should not give it up.

"But I am surprised they think they can afford to lose any more supporters. They need every vote they can get."

The defection of Lord McAlpine has underlined the deep tension between the Tory Party and the Goldsmith operation. Several key members of staff at the Referendum Party such as Greg Trew, the campaign manager, were former employees of Conservative Central Office.

Tory Party managers fear that backing for the single-issue Referendum Party could prove fatal for Conservative MPs fighting in marginal seats where the billionaire financier is fielding candidates. "He could take a few hundred votes in key seats which is the difference between us holding on or losing the whole thing. But we are confident that party members who dally with Goldsmith will come back to us when they know this about the election of a Government, not a transient phenomenen."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, challenged over whether Tory activists would be expelled for supporting the Referendum Party, said: "I think the party should be inclusive and we would seek to help them understand there was not a successful future for Britain in behaving in that way. If they were to tempted to transfer their vote, and I think very few will, but if they were, then clearly they would be aiding those other parties in favour of a federal Europe, which presumably they don't want."

But Tory officials made clear that membership of the Referendum Party was incompatible with continued membership of the Tory Party. "You cannot do both. It would be a matter for local associations how they would deal with it."

However, party managers are determined to avoid any confrontation with their members who support the aim of Sir James for a referendum on Europe. They want to avoid any further defections in the run-up to the election.

CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY 8

EUROPE
Sir Leon Brittan, EU Commissioner, will argue for a single currency at a fringe meeting. Leading sceptic John Redwood will preach the opposite to the Conservative 2000 Foundation. Lord Tebbit, Bill Cash, and David Heathcoat-Amory will address the European Foundation and Bruges Group

AGRICULTURE
Douglas Hogg, Agriculture Secretary, will try to defuse hostility from the conference floor over the common fisheries policy and the export ban on British beef. He will face anger from farming constituences

CRIME
Michael Howard will outline mandatory minimum jail terms for three-time house burglars and drug dealers. He faces criticism over plans for a voluntary rather than compulsory ID card, and over last month's higher figures for violent crime. But he will compete for one of the longest ovations of the week

WEDNESDAY 9

MANIFESTO
John Major will lead a 60-minute question-and-answer session on a consultation document with the party faithful, *Future of the Nation*. The findings, intended to help to shape party policy, were overwhelmingly Euro-sceptic. But Major's critics will also be in the firing line

EUROPE
Malcolm Rifkind, facing 232 critical motions on the EU, will try to steady the party nerve after rows over monetary union. Party managers will try to stifle criticism from the floor by choosing the most anodyne motion for debate, and try to keep the most hostile sceptics away from the podium

SOCIAL SECURITY
Peter Lilley will be cheered to the rafters when he reports progress on the fraud hotline, which has attracted more than 50,000 calls. He will also welcome the passing this week of the Job Seekers Act, which provides for tough sanctions on the work shy

THURSDAY 10

DEFENCE
Michael Portillo will make a far more cautious speech than last year's attack on the EU, which won rapturous applause but caused deep offence in Europe and was disowned by defence chiefs. He will reply to a record number of motions criticising defence cuts

ECONOMY
Kenneth Clarke's avidly awaited speech could prove to be a disappointment. He will avoid the single currency debate, instead highlighting government successes on interest rates and the economy. His ovation will show whether the recent rumpus over Europe damaged his standing

GENERAL ELECTION
Former Chancellor Norman Lamont will speak at a Selsdon Group fringe meeting on how the Tories can win. The text of his speech will be studied for coded criticism of the Prime Minister on Europe

FRIDAY 11

FUNDING
Lord Parkinson will don the mantle normally worn by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, who will be missing his first party conference in 20 years. Parkinson will warm up the activists with a barnstorming speech in support of John Major's leadership

LEADER'S SPEECH
John Major will try to rally the party behind a defence of the Government's record since 1992. He will appeal for party unity and outline Tory intentions for a fifth term of government.
Mr and Mrs Major will go on a walkabout on the conference floor to the traditional strains of Land of Hope and Glory

Greer paid 'very generous' £5,000

BY ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN MAJOR'S supporters paid the lobbyist Ian Greer £5,000 for the use of his office, equipment and car during the 1990 Tory leadership campaign. The Major team used three rooms in Mr Greer's Westminster offices and the sum, described by Mr Greer as "very generous", was to cover telephones, faxes, administration and petrol.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, yesterday expressed support for Mr Greer's fund-raising for the party. In an interview in *The Times*, Mr Greer disclosed that he had raised £750,000 for the Tories over 10 years.

The lobbyist, who is at the heart of the cash-for-questions affair, was persuaded by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary tipped as a future Tory leader, to take the £5,000. Mr Major's supporters wanted to ensure that the leadership campaign was seen to be "totally above board".

Mr Greer, who has stood down as chairman of his lobbying company, said: "I did not want to accept money from the Tories. But William Hague was very persuasive. I told him I thought the sum was too generous. He insisted I took it to ensure that everything was above board. I am very glad today that I took his advice."

Mr Hague, who was a recently elected MP at the time, was a key figure in the Major leadership campaign. He also persuaded Alan Duncan, who was elected MP for Rutland and Melton in 1992, to allow his house in Westminster to be used as the campaign headquarters. Sources close to Mr Major's 1990 leadership campaign said that every penny spent on his behalf was scrupulously


Hague: described as very persuasive

accounted for. Mr Duncan's bill came to £4,000, which included the cost of new carpets and six designated telephone lines.

Dr Mawhinney said that he had no regrets about Mr Greer's fund-raising. He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "Businesses give money to all parties and if he has been helping to encourage people to do that over the years, then clearly that's been of benefit to the party. I don't regret it, not least because Mr Blair said last week there was nothing improper about any of this and I agree with him."

MI5 crime team to start work

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

MI5 officers will next week begin intelligence operations against international criminals operating in Britain.

The start date is expected to be officially announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, in his speech to the Conservative Party conference today. He announced his intention to change the law to create an intelligence-led force to combat organised crime at last year's conference.

A small MI5 team, including women, has been designated to conduct work "in support of the police and other enforcement agencies". An MI5 officer has been seconded to the National Criminal Intelligence Agency to liaise between police and the Security Service.

The fight against terrorism will remain the priority for MI5, but its most sophisticated intelligence-gathering methods and analytical skills will now also be deployed against international crime organisations.

Drug barons, money-launderers, arms dealers and the criminals masterminding immigration rackets will now come under the scrutiny of MI5 officers, who will work on information supplied by police.

The working arrangements have hit a number of stumbling-blocks, however, and negotiations between MI5, police and Customs and Excise have been going on for weeks. A Whitehall source said last night: "There was probably a bit of a culture shock on both sides."

It is understood that one of the main arguments concerned the police hierarchy and whether police officers had to address MI5 officers as Sir or Ma'am.

Howard prisons 'blunder'

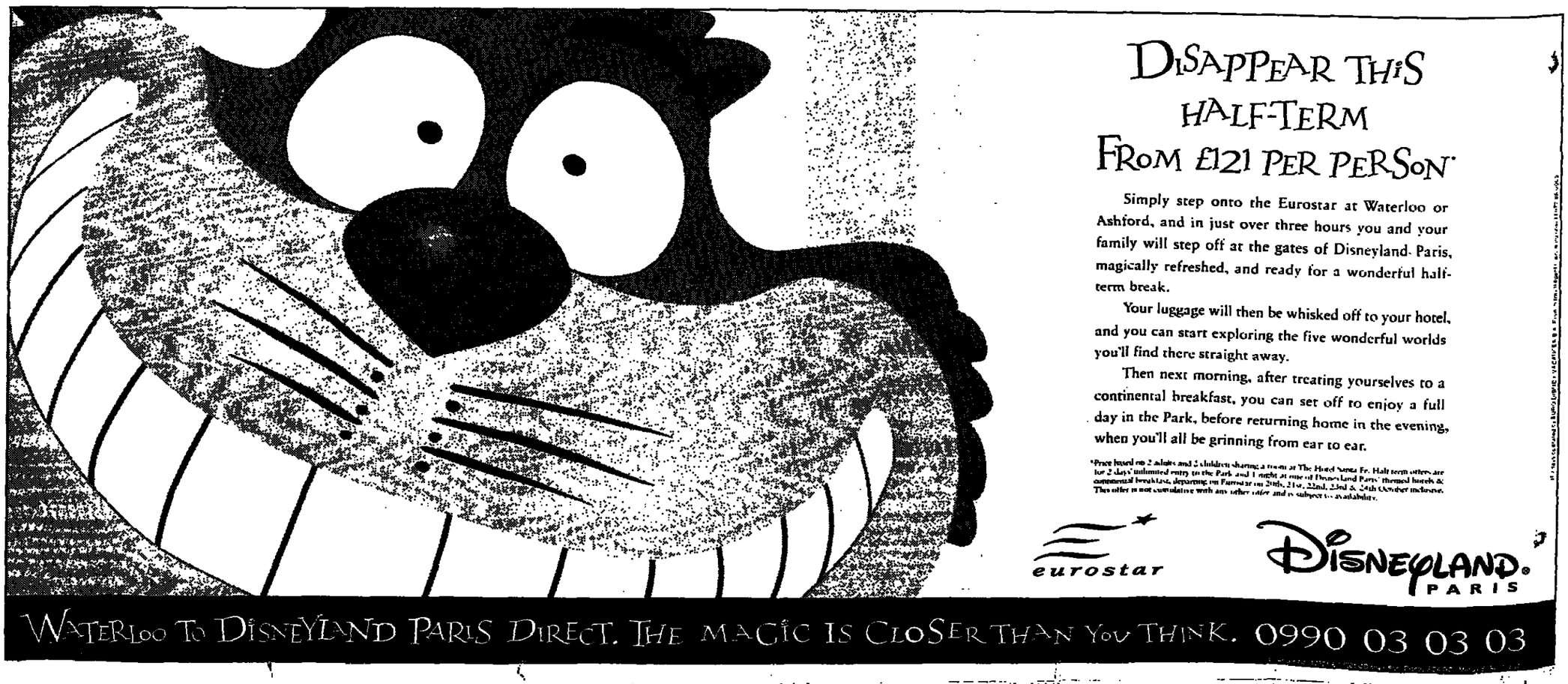
BY JILL SHERMAN

ELEVEN of Britain's most dangerous criminals were among the 541 prisoners released early in August after a review of sentences by prison governors.

One of them had his sentence reduced by 2½ years, according to new information disclosed by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and between them the 541 were let out a total of nearly 150 years before the end of their sentences. The figures, which were requested by Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, show that 319 were serving sentences of 12 months to four years and 63 had sentences of four years or more.

Although there were big differences in the reductions in prisoners' sentences, Mr Howard's figures show that on average the men and women were released 100 days early. But three prisoners were set free by Richard Tilt, the director of the Prison Service, nearly three years early.

Mr Straw said the analysis showed the full scale of last August's fiasco. Whatever Mr Howard, who speaks at the conference today, had to say, "nothing will fully raise his reputation for lurching incompetence in the running of the Prison Service. Of all the sorry sagas that have befallen Michael Howard as Home Secretary, the early release of 541 serial criminals by mistake is probably the worst blunder."



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Ministers and backbenchers accused of jeopardising election chances

Tory activists attack 'disloyal' MPs

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

TORY activists arrived in Bournemouth yesterday fearing that their doorstep campaigning would be ruined by infighting at Westminster. They complained that their efforts to revive the party's popularity were being undermined by Cabinet ministers "jostling for the leadership crown" and backbench Eurosceptics who were "hogging the media limelight".

The party has rarely approached its annual conference in such disarray and so far behind in the polls. Many local activists believe that the main reason is the disloyalty of their backbenchers rather than Tony Blair's popularity.

As they sat eating scones and sandwiches on the seafront they were angry, rather than dispirited, about allegations of sleaze and splits in the party. Most were conference veterans, eager for next year's conference in Blackpool not to be their first in opposition.

Few called for Neil Hamilton's resignation over the cash-for-questions affair but most were furious that he had not appeared repentant for having caused the party embarrassment. Several made the point that they worked in the constituencies for free without complaint, so why should the MPs seek higher wages and other income.

Baroness Thatcher and Norman Tebbit were no longer their heroes. They were infuriated by the way they "whinge on the sidelines". The defection of Lord McAlpine, the former Tory party treasurer, to the Referendum Party left them indifferent. They were all extremely loyal to John Major.

"I would like to see far more unity from our MPs. For the last two years they have been terribly disloyal. All the indicators on the doorsteps show we can win. We should be pulling together to defeat Labour rather than arguing over Europe and jostling to see who will be the next leader," Jean Searle, Yorkshire area chairman, said. "Neil Hamilton should step down at the next election. He probably hasn't done anything wrong but he shouldn't have lied to his bosses."

Philip Briscoe, the agent for Bath, a weather-vane marginal, said: "Sleaze is not our main problem. It has always gone on a little on all sides. In the 1980s politicians may have been too lax, but we are still far more honest than other countries. Our main problem is unity. The average man on the street is more interested in law and order, education, BSE and health than on Europe. So why are we tearing the party in half over the issue?"

Brian Hanson, Western area chairman, said: "In the last couple of months morale has been climbing, the protest vote is disappearing and people once again realise they will be better off financially under the Tories. But every time we get somewhere something happens in Westminster that throws us on the defensive."



Sanders: "Euro-sceptics need a rap over knuckles"



Pursley: "Why are they rocking boat so much?"



Craven: "The party is bigger than one MP"

Joyce Billings, from north Dorset, said: "We can win by 25 votes if we stop slagging off each other and start aiming our arguments against Labour. Old Labour are turned off by Tony Blair, the economy is booming, we are the only Euro-sceptic party. The next election should be easy."

Val Sanders, agent for Presili, Pembrokeshire, said: "We have been doing all the work in all weathers, getting votes for a fifth term. The Euro-sceptics need a rap over the knuckles."

Linda Pursley, the agent for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine, urged ministers and MPs, particularly Eurosceptics, to back the Prime Minister. "The only way we are going to get the Europe we want is to stick with this Government. I cannot understand why they are rocking the boat so much. It is just not worth it for a few egos. This is a team game, not an individual sport."

Neil Craven, from Colne Valley, whose MP Graham Riddick was involved in the initial cash for questions controversy, said many activists were angry with Mr Hamilton. "The general feeling on the street is that the man is a bit of a fool." Mr Craven said that MPs should be paid more so that stricter rules could be imposed on outside payments. Mr Craven denied, however, that the conference would be thrown off course by the Hamilton affair. "The party is bigger than one MP."

Betty Waddell, representing Argyll and Bute, said that Mr Major was right to demand a full inquiry by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. "It is better that it is investigated than left to fester." Mrs Waddell urged Euro-sceptic MPs to keep quiet. "If you have a problem, you deal with it internally, you keep it within the party. If you don't want to give loyalty to the party, well, there is a crude saying where I come from, 'Perform, or get off the pot.' "

A positive note was sounded by Jane Jones, from Carmarthen West and South Pembroke: "We are feeling very sorted. We have never had it so good."

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Political goal: Brian Mawhinney in pre-conference training at Bournemouth football club yesterday

'Soap box' Major to meet the rank and file

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN MAJOR will try tomorrow to evoke memories of his successful "soap box" campaign in the 1992 election by holding a question-and-answer session with party activists.

Sitting instead on a stool, the Prime Minister will talk to the party faithful about any subject they wish to raise. Party managers believe that the move will play to Mr Major's strengths, portraying him as an ordinary man. They believe that informal sessions have greater impact than set-piece speeches.

Officials were keen to emphasise that none of the questions will be vetted in advance. "This is the Prime Minister playing to his strengths," one said.

Just before lunch tomorrow, Mr Major will come to the edge of the stage at the conference centre, take off his jacket and sit casually on the stool as Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, fields questions. The event will be televised live.

The hour-long session is the culmination of the party's biggest consultation exercise with its membership. More than 30,000 members took part in the scheme, called "Our Nation's Future". Cabinet ministers toured the country speaking to activists and answering questions.

In a recent interview, Mr Major said he had preferred informal sessions since his experiences of meeting people as a housing official at Lambeth Council in the 1970s. "I think you should be open to question-and-answer questions," he said. "People don't notice it very much but when I go round the country, I do radio phone-ins quite a lot. I believe it is a loss to Parliament that MPs and ministers are increasingly insulated from the people who actually put them there."

Party projects itself boldly into the future

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORIES from the shires should brace themselves for a destabilising ride into the future when they set eyes on the conference platform today.

Gone is the bland sky blue plywood backcloth adorned with fuzzy felt logos and upbeat messages. In its place is a dramatic £200,000 stage set worthy of a television science fiction series — a patchwork of podiums, video screens and a giant scaffold bathed in lagoon blue light.

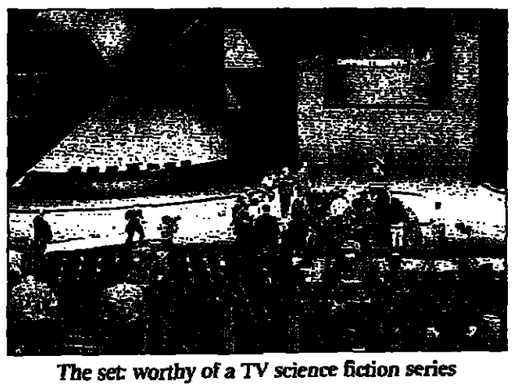
Party managers stunned by suggestions that the conference set had become staid and old-fashioned have jumped into the next century to outperform Labour in the design department. If they are to be believed, activists no longer come to be hectored by the elected few. They want to participate in "political theatre", generating the conference atmosphere by putting questions to platform speakers.

When John Major, Brian Mawhinney, John Gummer and Stephen Dorrell face their question-and-answer sessions, the occasions will be made more intimate by a more "member friendly" stage. The elaborate set has been designed also to eliminate the traditional "us and them" image in which party leaders gaze down imperiously from a high platform. Proof of a new "classless" Tory conference comes, say those who planned it, with a decision to allow ordinary party members to speak at the same lectern as Cabinet ministers. The lectern has a simple Opportunity is All slogan, with John Major's personal touch being the final two words scripted in his handwriting style.

Designers talk proudly of the conference hall being dominated by a "geodesic structure" — although the more down-to-earth Tories may talk of a "lot of metal triangles with some filled in". Those that are filled in will be used as a background for a changing light show intended to grip an audience noted for its occasional lapses in concentration.

Light and sound will feature more prominently than ever before as planners try to bring political conferences into line with some of the more lavish staging favoured by private sector clients. Since WCT Live Communication took over responsibility for conference staging, its chairman, Michael Lockett, has gradually prodded and cajoled Conservative Central Office into accepting a bolder style.

"There has always been enthusiasm for change but perhaps it has been suppressed sometimes," Mr Lockett said diplomatically. Now, he says, the party is ready to project itself through its conference set as innovative, bold and forward-thinking.



The set: worthy of a TV science fiction series



German budget cuts threaten to put Eurofighter contracts into a spin

Strapped for cash by the dash for monetary union, German defence planners risk offending France, Roger Boyes reports from Bonn

GERMANY'S stampede to meet the public spending targets for economic and monetary union is threatening to delay plans to produce the Eurofighter and is sowing new tension between the defence ministries in Bonn and Paris.

Detailed figures leaked yesterday by defence industry sources show how stark the problem of Eurofighter funding has become for the Germans. On Thursday the parliamentary budget committee will discuss the controversial fighter project — a joint operation by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain — but it seems unlikely to bridge the gap between Germany's cash-strapped Defence Ministry and the German aerospace industry. The British, who are investing about £16 billion in Eurofighter on the basis that it will secure 14,000 jobs, are growing restless. Without a clear commitment on German funding for 1997, and without the final parliamentary go-ahead from Bonn, it is impossible to press ahead with contracts.

The defence budget has been under siege as the German Government tries to scale back its public sector deficit. To make his books balance, Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister — a late and somewhat grudging convert to the Eurofighter — made no financial provision at all for the so-called procurement investment phase in 1997.

This means money to acquire the machinery and to adapt the prototype for mass production. After months of scratching around for cash, German defence planners have come up with around DM100 million (£40 million) for 1997, rising to DM350 million in 1998 and DM600 million in 1999. But that is a long way short of the funding deemed necessary by the main contractor, Daimler Benz Aerospace (DASA). DASA reckons that DM392 million must be made available for 1997, rising to DM1,160 million in 1999. Even those figures would entail the German Government negotiating a one-year delay in the first wave of deliveries. The current schedule for Eurofighter is that preparation and production will begin on January 1 next year and run until 2014, with the first deliveries coming at the end of 2001. Germany has signalled its readiness to buy 180 of the planes while Britain intends to buy 232.

The whole deal could start to unravel, however, if there are serious delays. Postponing delivery would push up the price. The alternative — to come up with a radically slimmer Eurofighter that could be encompassed within a right budget — would require new negotiations with Britain on how to share out the workload.

The Eurofighter has haunted Herr Rühe from the very beginning. Conceived 11 years ago as an ultra-modern fighter capable of out-manoeuvring Soviet MiG 29s and Sukhois, the Eurofighter has become a nightmare of multi-national co-operation.

Herr Rühe is now threatening to withdraw from the building of a joint spy satellite with the French because he needs the money for Eurofighter and for the future European transport plane. The minister argues that since the German army is not a global force it has no pressing need for a satellite "that can inform us about activities conducted behind every sand dune in Chad".

But the satellite has become a symbol of Franco-German armaments co-operation and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, who has promised President Chirac that it will go ahead, is insisting that the money be found.

Yeltsin's former aide accused of extorting £25m

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE threat of a huge political scandal hung over Russia yesterday after President Yeltsin close friend and former chief bodyguard was accused of heading a "state racket" in the Kremlin involved in extortion, corruption and even possibly attempted murder.

According to Boris Fyodorov, the former head of the National Sports Fund, General Aleksandr Korzhakov, who was one of the most powerful men in Russia until his sacking in June, tried to extort $40 million (£25 million), a quarter of it in cash. Mr Fyodorov narrowly escaped an assassination attempt the day before the general was dismissed.

The allegations on the influential television programme *Itogi* on Sunday night also directly touch another close friend of Mr Yeltsin, Shamil Tarpishchev, who was the President's tennis coach and doubles partner and also the link-man between General Korzhakov and Mr Fyodorov. It was reported last night that Mr Tarpishchev had been sacked as presidential sports adviser.

The timing of the interview had the clear political aim of undermining General Korzhakov's hopes of making a political comeback. He has said he wants to stand for parliament and has hinted that he is working with General Aleksandr Lebed, the security chief, another target of *Itogi*'s political agenda. General Korzhakov was the leading hawk in the Kremlin, credited with controlling a vast security apparatus of 12,000 men and having a malign influence on Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Fyodorov told the programme how he was chosen by Mr Tarpishchev to head the National Sports Fund, a supposedly charitable body which became a multimillion-dollar earner after it was granted a monopoly to import duty-free alcohol. But he then become too independent for his patrons' liking.

In May he was called to the Kremlin by General Korzhakov and had his Kremlin pass confiscated. The general then presented him with a stack of papers alleging that he had stolen $300 million from the fund and said: "You stole so much, you should share some of it. Give us $40 million."

According to Mr Fyodorov, General Valeri Streletsky, General Korzhakov's deputy, then demanded $10 million in cash the same day and $30 million in a bank transfer. General Streletsky had said: "You must understand that we are a state racket and you are trying to stop the steamroller of the state machine which is rolling towards you."

Mr Fyodorov said he did not raise the money. He was sacked from his job, which was then taken by General Streletsky. On May 22 he was briefly arrested on suspicion of possessing cocaine and then on June 18 he almost died after he was stabbed 12 times by a mysterious attacker.

He stopped short of blaming the attack directly on General Korzhakov, but said: "They didn't manage to use me. If they had used me, maybe today I wouldn't have 12 holes in my body."

By tarnishing the reputation of his closest friends, the allegations will be an intense embarrassment for Mr Yeltsin, although no one has suggested that he was aware of what was going on.

The allegations follow the publication of the transcript of a conversation between Mr Fyodorov and three unnamed people in the newspaper *Novaya Gazeta* in July, in which Mr Tarpishchev was portrayed as a gangster with links to the mafia. Among other allegations, he was said to have persuaded the President to sign a decree allowing the sale of two tonnes of gold through the fund.

☐ **Yeltsin move:** President Yeltsin was moved into a sanatorium from the Central Clinical Hospital yesterday before heart open surgery scheduled for next month. His doctors said his condition was "quite satisfactory".

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DUSAN VRANIC/AP



General Aleksandr Lebed at Nato headquarters in Brussels yesterday with General Klaus Neumann, chairman of the alliance's military committee

Lebed urges Nato to delay eastern expansion

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

RUSSIA would like Nato to wait for a generation before deciding whether to take in members from the former Communist bloc, General Aleksandr Lebed, chief of President Yeltsin's Security Council, said yesterday.

On his first foray abroad, apart from his Soviet war service in Afghanistan, the general gave Nato chiefs a mixed message over his stance on enlarging the alliance. "Whatever Nato decides, Russia is not immediately going into hysterics," he said after meeting Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General. However, he made clear that his country insisted on a legally binding say on the process of enlargement and was strongly opposed to the speed at which Nato is planning to expand the 16-member alliance. Nato aims to offer invitations next spring to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic and possibly Slovenia, with membership envisaged two years later.

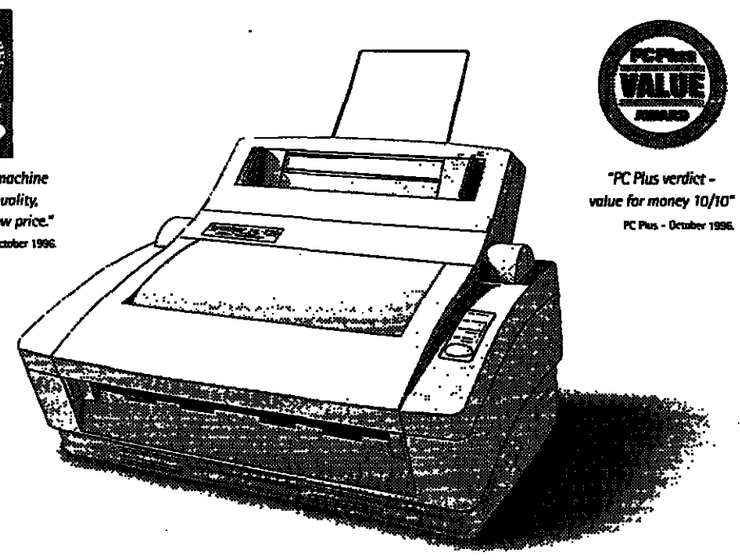
"I proposed today to put off the question of whether Nato should enlarge or not and let the next generation decide," General Lebed said. "We are all the products of the years of the Cold War. A mentality built up over decades cannot be effaced in a day."

Nato ambassadors said they were impressed by the gruff general's smooth diplomatic style. "He didn't speak like an outsider. He told us, 'I talk to all colours in the Russian rainbow and I can tell you that this is the view across the spectrum'," a senior European envoy said.

General Lebed, who only last week threatened Russian retaliation against the West if the alliance enlarged, told the ambassadors that "the threatening remarks that have been attributed to me is not the way I see Nato."

Clearly revelling at his visit to the nerve centre of what Soviet officers termed the "imperialist military machine", the general insisted that Nato sign a legally binding treaty with Russia as a prelude to enlargement. He indicated Moscow wanted a virtual power of veto over the entry of new members. Nato wants to draw up a convention defining its new links with Russia at the same time as negotiating the first eastern admissions.

A precipitate shift eastward by the alliance could trigger hostility that prevents the Russian parliament from ratifying the second strategic arms limitation accord (Start II) and even throw into question the conventional forces and other past arms reduction treaties, he said. Señor Solana welcomed the "rational and civilised manner" in which General Lebed had discussed enlargement.



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Paris squanders public funds while preaching austerity

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Government preaches economic austerity while it wastes taxpayers' money at a phenomenal rate on useless projects and fails to pay its own bills on time, according to a report released yesterday by the official accounting office.

In its annual survey, the Court of Accounts, France's main public-spending watchdog, laid out a catalogue of financial mismanagement by the state, including a £14 million airstrip in Antarctica that is used only by flightless penguins and an unpaid telephone bill for £260 million.

The report also cited the problem-plagued Superphénix nuclear reactor costing Fr60 billion (£8 billion) that has operated for only one year in the past 20, and the spending of £53 million on a new computerised ticketing system for the state-owned railway despite dwindling rail traffic.

The report could not come at a worse time for the Government of Alain Juppé, as it faces another wave of strikes over spending cuts and austerity policies aimed at reducing the country's deficit in time for Economic and Monetary Union.

"Our money flies out of the window," declared *France-Soir* yesterday.

The costly airstrip built at Terre Adélie in western Antarctica has caused particular outrage. Completed in 1993 after seven years' work, the strip has never been used, according to *Libération* newspaper. The Environment Ministry has banned planes from landing there in winter because it is a breeding ground for penguins and other rare birds and the rest of the year the strip is unusable due to the weather conditions.

The watchdog also questioned the "usefulness and durability" of the reactor built at Creys-Malville on the Swiss border, which has swallowed enough state cash to pay off this year's entire projected welfare debt. It became a research centre last year.

Civil servants, doctors and rail workers will join in a strike on October 17 in opposition to austerity measures.

Despite mounting protest and internal divisions, M Juppé made a television appearance at the weekend in which he ruled out an early election or a reshuffle. But with unemployment still rising, the Gaullist Prime Minister's approval rating fell to 27 per cent last week, an all-time low.

While the Government was insisting that voters must tighten their belts, yet another expensive project received approval. The authorities agreed to the building of an underground rail system in Rennes, the capital of Brittany, for nearly £400 million. With a population of 200,000, Rennes will become one of the smallest cities in the world to have its own métro system.

☐ **Blast claim:** Corsican terrorists yesterday claimed responsibility for the bomb which ripped through M Juppé's mayoral offices in Bordeaux on Saturday night.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israeli MPs expelled in stormy debate

Jerusalem: Two deputies were expelled from the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, after stormy scenes during a debate on the recent violence in which 74 people died (Christopher Walker writes). Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, was heckled as he attacked Palestinians for using violence in order to exert diplomatic pressure. **Letters, page 17**

'Gang' man free

Peking: Yao Wenyuan, 65, the propagandist of the "Gang of Four" led by Mao Tse-tung's wife, Jiang Qing, during the 1966-76 Chinese Cultural Revolution, has been set free after 20 years in prison. *(AP)*

Democratic gulf

Men voting in Kuwait for a new National Assembly were hounded by women demanding equal rights (Michael Dynes writes). Only 100,000 of Kuwait's two million people are eligible to vote.

Dead end

Brisbane: Two Australian men who stole a car dumped it after finding a dead body on the back seat. They then guided Cairns police to the man, believed to be the victim of a drug overdose. *(Reuter)*

Liquor kills 30

Delhi: Thirty people died after drinking homemade liquor laced with varnish and methyl alcohol in Tamil Nadu. Most were quarry workers who stopped at a kiosk near the town of Pudukottai. *(AFP)*

Princess favourite to marry Spain's Felipe

Madrid: Princess Tatiana of Liechtenstein, 22, described by royal aides as "simple, discreet and elegant", has emerged as clear front-runner among candidates to marry Crown Prince Felipe of Spain, now 29 (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

The only daughter of Prince Hans Adam and Princess Maria of Liechtenstein, she speaks fluent Spanish and commands an immense fortune. She is also a Roman Catholic, essential for a future Queen of Spain. Observers believe that Prince Felipe's alleged romance with the American, Giselle "Gigi" Howard, is over. It is thought that she did not measure up to Queen Sofia's exacting standards.



Tatiana: fluent Spanish

Ailing Pope's tremor adds to operation fears

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Pope will undergo an operation for the removal of his appendix this morning after a day of medical tests yesterday, Vatican doctors said.

Professor Francesco Crucitti, who is carrying out the operation at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, said the Pope was "well and tranquil". But the Italian media focused on the possibility that he is also suffering from Parkinson's disease. At Sunday's beatification ceremony on St Peter's Square, the Pope's left hand trembled violently. He has suffered from a trembling hand for some time but, as *La Stampa* noted yesterday, the shaking was far worse than usual.

La Repubblica said it was disturbing that there was no "deputy Pope" to take charge of the Vatican if necessary. The newspaper said Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Secretary of State, was nominally in charge of day-to-day affairs, together with Cardinal Eduardo Martínez Somalo, the Treasurer to the Holy See. Cardinal Bernardin Gantin of Benin, a leading African candidate for the papacy, would chair any emergency conclave as Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Doctors at the hospital said that Professor Crucitti would probably carry out the appendectomy by making an incision, rather than by keyhole surgery, or laparoscopy.

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Taleban rattled by warlord's offer to aid fugitive leader



Christopher Thomas writes *in Kabul that General Dostum's threat to intervene has upset the holy warriors' plans*

THE Afghan military scales tilted abruptly yesterday when General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the powerful Uzbek warlord who controls six northern provinces, demanded that Taleban Islamic militia halt their bombardment of vanquished government forces.

He said he would come to the aid of his Tajik "compatriots" fighting for their lives in the Panjshir Valley, their traditional homeland. This upsets Taleban's calculations: its forces would stand no chance against both General Dostum and the Tajik forces of General Ahmed Shah Masood.

The siege of the Panjshir has lost some of its steam. Tanks and artillery pummelled the valley yesterday but there were no fighters on the narrow road that carves through it. The main action was on the mountaintops, where Taleban forces seized some strategic peaks. But the Islamic army has not penetrated more than a few miles into the 50-mile valley in its three-day push.

Taleban commanders must be reassessing their prospects of routing General Masood now that General Dostum has hinted at an alliance with him. This is classic Afghan military opportunism. General Dostum knows that if General Masood were defeated, he would be the next target. Taleban issued a statement last night warning General Dostum not to come to the ousted government's aid.

Many wounded men are being carried away from the battlefront at the mouth of the Panjshir. General Masood's besieged forces seem to be conserving most of their firepower. They may be waiting for Taleban's fighters to penetrate deeper into the valley before cutting their supply lines and picking them off with snipers — a tactic that devastated troops of the former Soviet Union in the 1980s.

This may explain Taleban's cautious advance after two initial days of intensive shelling to establish a presence at the mouth of the valley. The weather is worsening rapidly and snow is falling on some of the peaks. In a month or so Taleban will find it hard to sustain high-level fighting.

If General Masood can hold on until then he may be secure for the winter. The valley has ample stocks of food and its people are accustomed to the harsh climate — more so than most of the attackers.

A Pakistani delegation arrived in Uzbekistan last night to discuss ways of preventing fighting between Taleban and General Dostum, who receives military aid from the former Soviet republic. For all its denials, Pakistan has cooperated in the rise of the Taleban army, which now controls three-quarters of Afghanistan.

The Uzbek warlord's vow to prevent further advances by Taleban was welcomed in the dusty bazaars of Mazar-e-Sharif in north Afghanistan. "Of course, all of us are happy that someone has stood up to the Taleban and especially those of us women who work," said Shema, a gynaecologist.

"I've spent six years training to be a doctor, but if Taleban enter this city I will not be allowed to work. Afghanistan needs peace most of all, but not a Taleban peace made by the Pashtuns for the Pashtuns. We will support our general even if it means fighting," she added.

Pashtuns, viewed as a "southern" tribe by northerners, overthrew the Afghan king in the 1920s and established a reign of terror in the north. Uzbeks and Tajiks later regained control of their areas, but speak of the time of Pashtun dominance as though it were yesterday.

JOHN MOORE/AP PHOTO



A Taleban soldier loads a shell into a rocket launcher as the militants pummel ousted government forces along the Panjshir Valley frontline

Divine rulers free canaries and ban chess

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

CAGED birds have been outlawed by Afghanistan's new Taleban rulers. Pet canaries now flutter hungrily about Kabul, the capital, waiting to die in the fast-approaching winter, and myna birds bred in captivity sit bewildered and starving in the trees. "Canaries are banned because they sing," an Afghan cynic said.

Taleban is rule-crazy. It uses Kabul radio or soldiers on the street to convey instructions governing everything from the length of a man's shirt-sleeve to the day he will next be allowed to trim his beard. The rule against television extends to videos and music.

There are 33 days to go before men will be allowed to trim their beards under a 45-day rule introduced when the Taleban Islamic militia took over.

> "A married couple on a bicycle were beaten for being too close"

The rules say people will be stoned to death for drinking alcohol or using drugs, for having an affair or for committing murder. A hand will be amputated for stealing. Men are not supposed to wear Western-style clothes. Shirts and trousers, which used to be popular, have all but disappeared. Men are covering their arms down to the wrist under the strict Taleban sartorial code.

Men have been told to attend mosque five times a day and their names are taken by the mosque *shura* (council) to ensure compliance. Come 4.30 am, the streets are full of bleary-eyed men following the muezzin's call.

Families have been told to order women to pray five times a day, although females are banned from mosques. Card games and chess are against the rules because they are said to encourage gambling, which is outlawed.

There are no wedding parties any more: people assume they are banned. Without music they would be dreary affairs anyway. Women have been beaten on the street for simply being there, regardless of whether they are veiled, because of a rule confining them to the house except when shopping.

A married couple riding on the same bicycle on the way to the market were beaten for being physically too close in public. A butcher had two fingers chopped off for selling meat above the price decreed by Taleban. The Islamic rulers expect shop owners to leave their premises unlocked at night to prove how secure the city is.

The rules require government employees to sign on for work every day, even though there is no government and no work. They are waiting to see if their October salaries are paid.

Taleban's obsession with rules became clear after its forces captured the southern city of Kandahar, now its headquarters, a year ago. Soon after the invasion, women there told me that they were outraged at being banned from using the city's ancient public baths.

Given their cramped living conditions, no woman could have a hot bath any more.

Television sets were smashed — something that has not happened yet in Kabul. The invaders banned football, the most popular sport locally, because it was "un-Islamic".

☐ Tehran: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual guide, accused the United States of supporting Taleban and denounced the brand of Islam practised by the Afghan militia. *(AFP)*

Turkish mission to Gaddafi backfires

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister, was urged to step down after his controversial attempts to boost ties with Muslim countries suffered a setback with a resounding diplomatic slap in the face from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

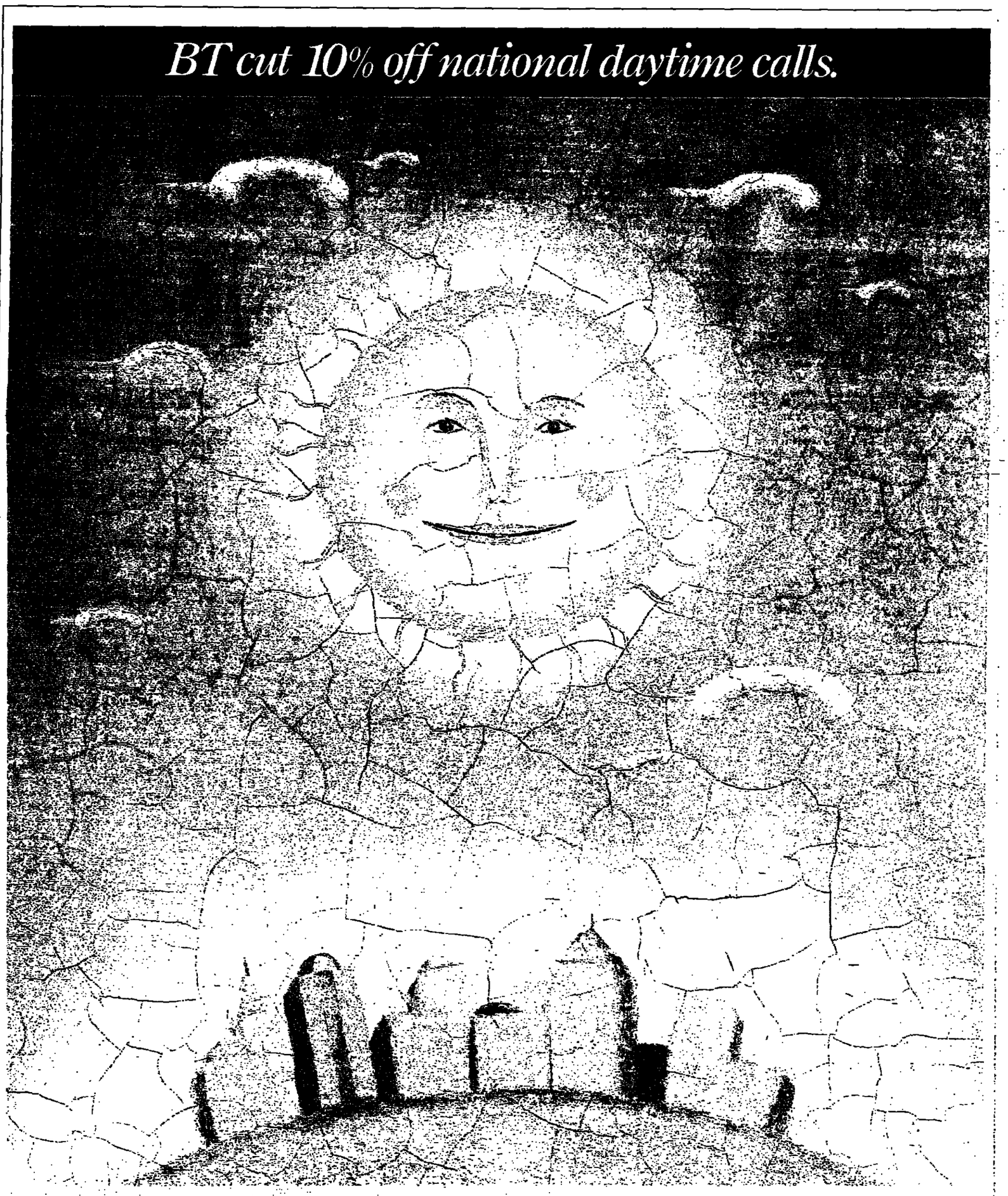
Sitting alongside a dismayed Mr Erbakan at a press conference, Colonel Gaddafi told his guest it was time a Kurdish state was created. He also condemned Turkey's close links with the West and its Nato membership. Mr Erbakan retorted: "We don't have a Kurdish problem, we have a terrorist problem."

Mesut Yilmaz, leader of the main opposition Motherland Party, told the Turkish news agency: "Mr Erbakan should return to Turkey without wasting any time. He should go straight from the airport to Cankaya [the presidential palace] and submit his resignation." Instead of flying home, Mr Erbakan left for Nigeria, also ostracised by the West and the last stop on an African trip that began in Egypt last week.

Commentators in Turkey's secularist media have accused Mr Erbakan, who appalled Washington by visiting Iran in August, of operating a parallel policy to the Turkish Foreign Ministry, which had advised him not to go to Libya. "The trip has turned into a competition in insulting Turkey," *Hurriyet*, the mass circulation daily newspaper, said.

High-level visitors are rare in Libya, subject to United Nations sanctions over the Lockerbie bombing. Mr Erbakan clearly expected better treatment from Colonel Gaddafi who touched Turkey's rawest nerve by condemning its Kurdish policy. Calling for a Kurdish state is illegal in Turkey, which has been fighting separatists for 12 years.

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Silver-tongued Clinton beats warm and witty Dole



Dole: "I wouldn't violate anything my mother said"

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON remained firmly on course for re-election yesterday after Bob Dole failed to achieve the breakthrough he desperately needed in the first of the two crucial presidential debates on Sunday night.

Most analysts said the 73-year-old Republican managed no more than a draw. That was no mean feat against a silver-tongued President, but scarcely sufficient for a candidate trailing by double digits a month before polling day.

Instant polls for ABC, CBS and *Newsweek* suggested Mr Clinton "won". They made him the victor by 50 per cent to 30, 50 to 28 and 49 to 25 respectively, with 92 per cent telling CBS the 90-minute encounter in Hartford, Connecticut, had not changed their vote.

The debate, watched by roughly 70 million Americans, also removed Mr Dole from the campaign trail for a week of rehearsals, but he did achieve one thing. He almost certainly showed enough grit to prevent a mass desertion by Republican congressional candidates and a threatened switch of party resources from the presidential race into the battle to hold Congress. Mr Dole "successfully represented our viewpoint", Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said.

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The debate consisted of two very familiar men tussling over very familiar themes, though Mr Dole did manage to display the warmer, wittier side of his often dark demeanour. His only stunt was to seat Billy Dale, the central figure in the "Travelgate" scandal, in the front row to disconcert the President.

Mr Dole portrayed Mr Clinton as an inveterate "big government" liberal, repeatedly reminding viewers of his 1993 tax increases and the hugely bureaucratic health-care system he sought to introduce. He painted a bleak picture of a nation afflicted by drugs, economic stagnation and diminished international stature. "The truth is, there's a lot wrong with America."

Mr Clinton calmly dismissed the "liberal charge" as a "golden oldie" Republicans always dragged out when desperate. He endlessly recited his first-term achievements — ten million new jobs, a deficit halved, falling crime and welfare beneficiaries — and appealed for four more years to complete America's recovery. "It is not midnight in America," he told Mr Dole. "We are better off than we were four years ago."

The President portrayed Mr Dole as an extremist who would wreck the economy with his tax-cut plan while slashing Medicare — the health insurance programme for the elderly — and other cherished social programmes.

Mr Dole responded by accusing Mr Clinton of needlessly scaring America's pensioners. "I am not some extremist out here. I care about people," he insisted. "I used to go home and my mother would tell me, 'Bob, all I've got's my Social Security and my Medicare. Don't cut it'. *I wouldn't violate anything* my mother said."

Only the veiled reference to Mr Clinton's alleged drug use riled the otherwise unflappable President. "Let me remind you that my family has suffered from drug abuse," he shot back, referring to his younger brother's past cocaine addiction. "I know what it's like to see somebody you love nearly lose their lives. I hate drugs."

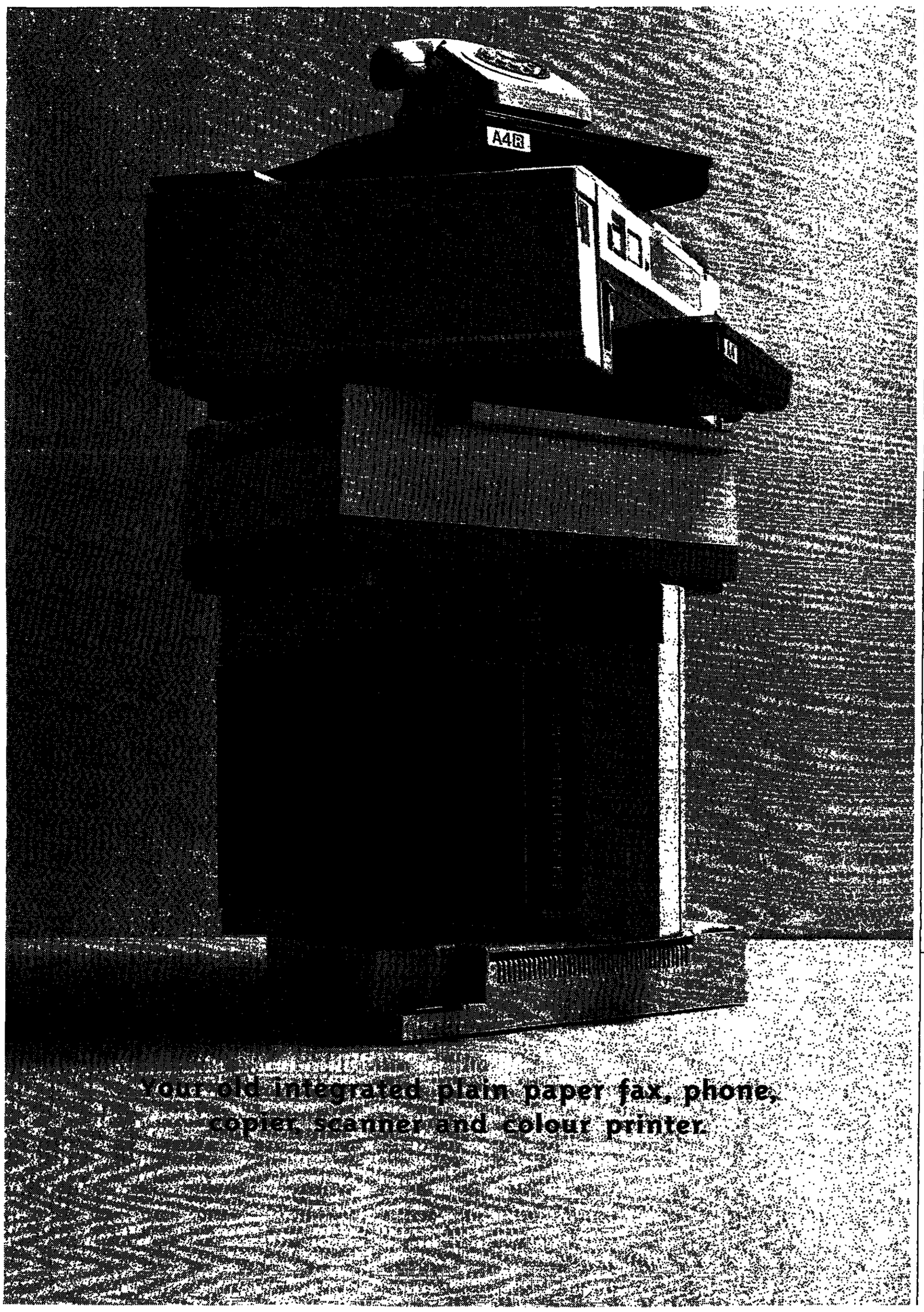


Clinton: "It is not midnight in America. We're better off"

Viewers prefer sport

Charleston: It was a small group that had gathered around the television at the Griffon, a favourite haunt among the ale aficionados of this South Carolina town (*Tom Rhodes writes*). The first presidential debate was unable to compete with either the local jazz festival or, more importantly, the key play-off between the Minnesota Vikings and the Carolina Panthers. Most locals had left before the candidates took to the stage.

"This is a politically motivated town," said Steve Mullins, an editor on *The Post and Courier*, "but with Clinton having such a lead and the Panthers playing great football, I guess people have given up this year".



Trenchant critic of President turns firepower on Blair

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

ONE of President Clinton's most trenchant critics, *The Wall Street Journal*, yesterday turned its firepower on Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader, for sharing the Democratic Party's worst failings.

The *Journal's* editorial column accused both Democrats and New Labour of disguising a left-wing agenda with misleadingly moderate language, and of lacking clear policies on the most important issues. "If voters now favour the New Labourites, we suspect it is not because of who they are, but because they aren't who they used to be," the newspaper says. "At the end of the day, Mr Blair's agenda is a shallow pond indeed."

With the Conservative Party's electoral prospects looking to some as dismal as those of Bob Dole, the Republican presidential challenger, Mr Clinton's critics are waking up to the possibility that left-of-centre governments will be in power next year on both sides of the Atlantic. They claim that policies favouring big government and hurting the middle class could be reintroduced by the back door.

> "Voters favour Labour not for what they are, but for what they are not"

Although the *Journal* has been among his more extreme critics, it is appealing to widespread uncertainty about the Clinton agenda, raising the spectre that, if Mr Clinton wins, "Clinton replicates" may "suddenly emerge to lead left-wing parties around the globe".

To the *Journal*, "the similarities between British and American politics are remarkable". It compliments Labour on ridding itself of the "loony Left", just as the Democratic Party has silenced its most outspoken liberals in an attempt to court the middle class.

But it adds: "If Mr Blair deserves praise for such discipline, it is not the kind that goes to a man of ideas ready to lead his country into the next century." The newspaper detects a host of Clinton-like contradictions in New Labour's policies, such as Mr Blair's pledge to cut unemployment while introducing a national minimum wage.

The *Journal* has also detected echoes of President Clinton in Mr Blair's promise to spend more on health and education, but to scrap schemes such as school vouchers and assisted places at independent schools.

Above all, it accuses New Labour, like the Democrats, of having few clear commitments. "An astute observer of American politics, Mr Blair has seen Mr Clinton's success at not being either George Bush or Jimmy Carter. Mr Blair says he wants to prepare Britain for the next 1,000 years, but judging from his 'not-the-Tories' strategy, Labour's forward look doesn't extend much beyond the next election." To New Labour, such attacks stretch the undeniable parallels too far. Mr Blair and his advisers are open about their use of America as an "ideas factory", particularly on welfare and tax reform.

New Labour advisers make clear, however, that much of what passes for left-wing debate in America is too far to the right to be palatable to them. Supply-side doctrine — tax cuts to stimulate economic growth — form no part of their agenda. They have also been repelled by the Republican-backed Bill to cut federal welfare spending which was recently signed by Mr Clinton.

Labour is well aware that, as the *Journal* puts it, "for voters on both sides of the Atlantic, committing themselves to be led into the 21st century by either of these baby-boom politicians will require no small leap of faith". But the comfort for New Labour is that, if American voters make that leap on November 5, it may encourage the British public to do the same.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY OCTOBER 8 1996

Shares to resume trading today after debt-for-equity deal

Banks throw Eurotunnel £4.7bn lifeline

By Jonathan Prynn and Marianne Curphey

A £4.7 billion agreement to rebuild Eurotunnel's shattered finances was unveiled yesterday, ending a traumatic year during which the company tottered on the brink of insolvency.

The deal, thrashed out in a marathon round of talks between bankers and the two co-chairman of the Channel Tunnel operator, paves the way for Eurotunnel shares to resume trading today, after an eight-day suspension.

Unveiling the agreement, Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel who retires at the end of the month, described it as "fair and robust" and said that it had averted the "Domesday scenario" of administration.

Under its terms, the banks have agreed to cut £4.7 billion of high interest borrowings from the company's £9 billion debt mountain in return for a minimum 45.5 per cent share of the company's equity.

The banks can take a majority share of up to 60.6 per cent by 2003 if the company performs badly. In the event of Eurotunnel once again facing insolvency, the banks could end up with around 75 per cent early in the next century.

Sir Alastair said that the deal made the payment of dividends a possibility from 2005. "The restructuring plan provides Eurotunnel with the medium-term stability to allow it to consolidate its substantial commercial achievements and develop its operations," he said.

It still has to win approval from 75 per cent of UK shareholders and two thirds of the more militant French shareholders. UK shareholders, who own just a sixth of the shares, gave the deal a cautious welcome and expected it to win the necessary support. However, French investors are expected to mount a legal challenge in the Paris courts.

Private investors who bought Eurotunnel shares at launch in 1987 and have held onto them for nine years will have seen the value of their holdings fall by almost 70 per cent. Anyone who bought more than 1,500 shares during the first issue, or in 1990 during the second issue, would have been rewarded with the option of unlimited travel on Eurotunnel until 2052. Those with smaller holdings enjoyed limited travel benefits. A shareholder who bought in 1987 at the issue price of 350p would have made an initial outlay of £5,250. If he was still holding the shares when they were suspended on September 30 at 113.5p, his stake would be worth only £1,702, a loss of £3,547 or £394 a year since the float. Taking the return fare as an average £70, the 10,000 UK investors who enjoy unlimited travel would have needed to make 25 return journeys a year since 1994 to make the initial outlay worthwhile.

The highly complex refinancing has at its heart a straight £1 billion conversion of debt for equity at 130p. A further £3.7 billion of debt will be retired through the issue of a cocktail of fixed interest securities, including £1 billion of convertible "equity notes", £1.2 billion of low interest "participating loan notes" and £1.5 billion of long maturity "resettable bonds".

There is also a £1.85 billion cushion of "stabilisation notes" that can be issued by Eurotunnel in lieu of interest payments if its cash flow is insufficent to meet its £400 million a year interest bill. Free cash flow is expected to be around £100 million this year.

Sir Alastair and Patrick Ponsolle, his co-chairman, will also request extensions to the 65-year Channel Tunnel concessions from the British and French governments.

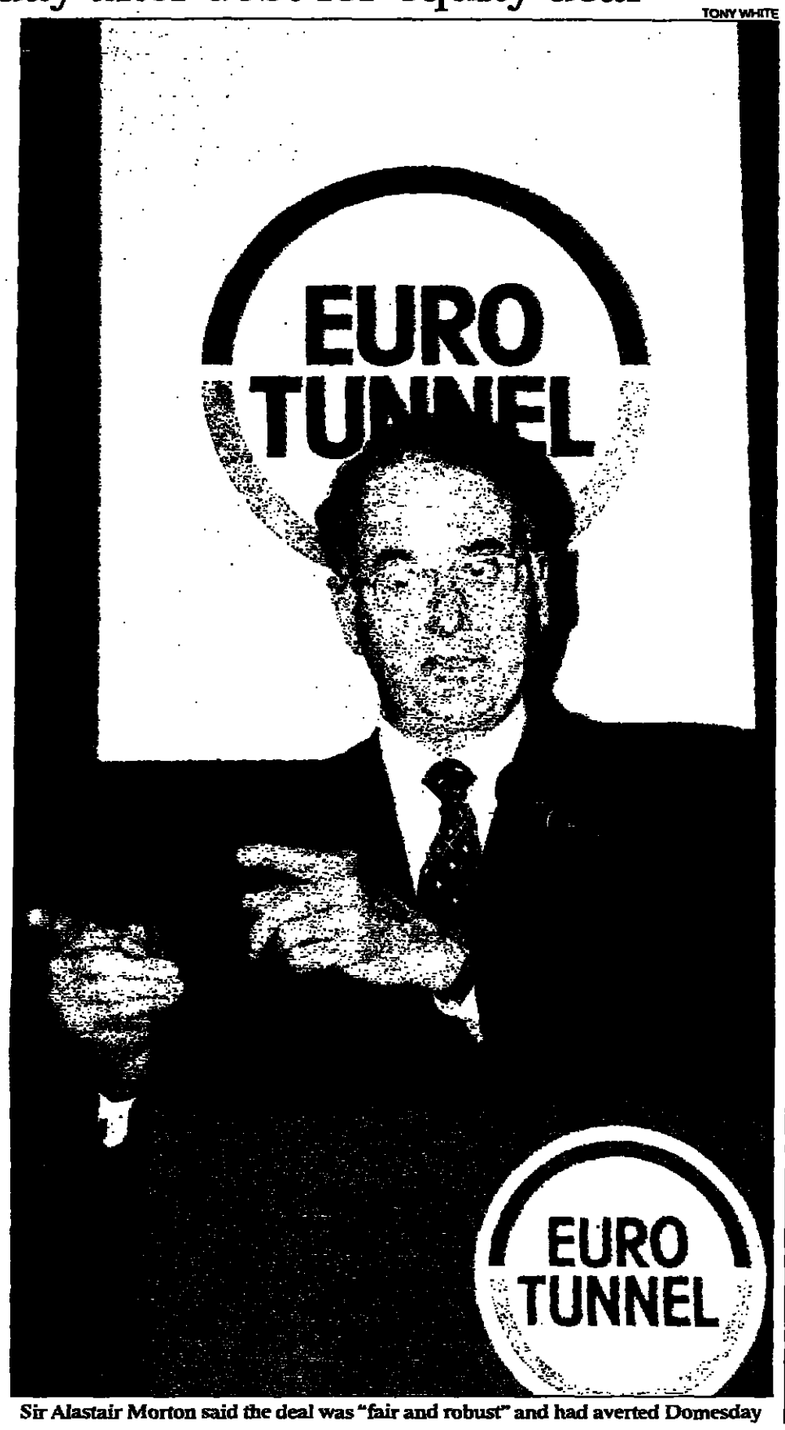
Jeff Summers of Klesh & Co, the debt traders, said the deal had won "ten out of ten for artistic impression". It was now unlikely that Eurotunnel would have to restructure its finances again, he added.

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THE DEAL IN DETAIL

- ☐ Debts reduced to £4 billion from about £8.7 billion.
- ☐ Annual interest bill cut to £400 million from about £700 million.
- ☐ Existing shareholders control 54.5 per cent after a £1 billion debt for equity swap at 130p.
- ☐ In "worst case" scenario, shareholders diluted to 39.4 per cent of the equity by 2003.
- ☐ Dividend payments to begin by 2005 or 2006.
- ☐ Shares trading to resume today.
- ☐ Deal to be agreed by banks and shareholders by April 1997.

TONY WHITE



Sir Alastair Morton said the deal was "fair and robust" and had averted Domesday

Industry output down in August

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

MANUFACTURING output fell unexpectedly in August, defying evidence that industry is beginning to be dragged out of this year's doldrums by healthy consumer demand.

Manufacturing output fell 0.3 per cent in August and was 0.9 per cent lower than a year ago. Industrial production, which includes the output of the North Sea and energy sectors, dropped 0.4 per cent and was unchanged compared with a year ago, the Office for National Statistics said.

Manufacturing in the latest three months was up 0.1 per cent from the previous three while industrial production was down 0.3 per cent between the same periods.

The Treasury remained upbeat, noting survey evidence for September that suggested manufacturing was now on the up. It also noted that the August fall came after a sharp 0.6 per cent rise in July.

The City concluded from yesterday's figures that the Chancellor would now find it easier to hold out against Bank of England wishes for higher interest rates, probably until the general election. That was the prevailing view, even taking into account September's survey evidence.

Simon Briscoe, of Nikko Europe, said that in spite of higher corporate confidence there had been no impact on output, with retailers meeting demand from stocks. He said: "The expansion will need to continue for some quarters for manufacturers to feel the benefit. Inflation worries are a long way off."

In spite of yesterday's disappointing figures, the FT-SE 100 index reached a record close for the second successive session, argely because of Wall Street's strong performance on Friday. The FT-SE ended 6.7 points higher at 4,031.5.

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FTSE 100	4031.5	(+6.7)
Yield	3.88%	
FTSE All share	1978.05	(+2.78)
Nikkei	21161.01	(+12.98)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5986.89	(-5.97)*
S&P Composite	702.36	(+0.90)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5 1/16%)
Long Bond	99 11/16*	(100 1/16)
Yield	6.78%*	(6.74%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5 7/32%	(5 7/32%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	110%	(110 13/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5637*	(1.5653)
London:		
$	1.5638	(1.5631)
DM	2.3931	(2.3908)
FFr	8.0681	(8.0945)
SFr	1.9635	(1.9628)
Yen	173.98	(174.38)
£ Index	87.1	(87.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5309*	(1.5321)
FFr	5.1725*	(5.1845)
SFr	1.2560*	(1.2579)
Yen	111.26*	(111.80)
$ Index	97.4	(97.5)

Tokyo close Yen 111.40

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec) $23.55 ($23.30)

GOLD

London close $380.65 ($380.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Shell and Texaco plan $10bn link-up

From Richard Thomson in New York

SHELL and Texaco, two of the world's largest oil companies, announced that they are negotiating to merge their downstream operations in America.

The deal, involving assets worth more than $10 billion, would create the largest downstream refining operation in America, with 16 refineries, tens of thousands of miles of oil pipeline and more than 20,000 retail outlets. Two companies would be created to cover the east and west of the US with a share of the total downstream oil market of about 15 per cent. Star Enterprise, Texaco's joint venture with Saud Amaco on the East Coast, would also be part of the merger.

Analysts said the talks could trigger a wave of similar deals in Europe and America. British Petroleum and Mobil combined their downstream operations in Europe earlier this year, while Conoco and Phillips Petroleum failed to reach an agreement in the US.

Insiders say the merger could produce cost savings of more than $1 billion a year for Shell and Texaco by combining refining capacity and pipelines.

The Shell-Texaco deal will have to clear several regulatory hurdles. A letter of intent between Shell and Texaco could be signed early next year, leading to the operations merging later in 1997.

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Caspian seeks new home for Paddington Bear

By Jason Nissé

PADDINGTON BEAR, the Wombles and Huxley Pig could be joining *The Busy World of Richard Scarry* in a deal being negotiated by Caspian Group, the media minnow that recently bought Leeds United, the Premiership football team.

Caspian is in talks with Cinar Films, a media company based in Toronto, about the sale of its Filmfair library of TV programmes featuring Paddington, the bear from darkest Peru, as well as other children's favourites such as the Shoe People and the Herbs.

The library was bought from Central Independent TV in 1991 for £1.75 million. A price of more than £10 million is now being mentioned, though neither side would confirm actual figures.

Cinar specialises in making non-violent programmes for families and children. It is best known in the UK for *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*, a TV cartoon series based on the work of the famous children's author, which runs on BBC1. Its other shows include *Arthur, Who's Afraid of the Dark* and *Million Dollar Babies*.



The Wombles: package

Hasanain Panju, chief financial officer of Cinar, said the company was in advanced talks with Caspian and was highly attracted by the Filmfair library.

In spite of the supposed value of the film libary, Caspian has not generated a great deal of money from it. In the past two years the group has lost nearly £3 million.

If the deal goes through it should help Caspian to fund its ambitions in the sporting arena. It is understood to be interested in buying a rugby league team, probably Leeds or Bradford Bulls, and setting up both a basketball and an ice hockey franchise in Leeds.

The company also wants to develop the site next door to Leeds United's ground at Elland Road as an indoor arena. However the site is owned by Leeds City council and only leased to the club.

Clark sues for £3m from BET

By Our Business Staff

JOHN CLARK yesterday launched a High Court claim for more than £3 million compensation after his dismissal as BET chief executive.

American-born Mr Clark, who lives in South Kensington, is claiming more than £1.4 million for loss of salary, plus damages for loss of pension rights, stock and share options, bonus payments, an executive car and chauffeur, and health insurance.

Brian Langstaff, QC, Mr Clark's counsel, said it was perhaps inevitable that his head would roll when Rentokil gained control of BET for £2.2 billion last April.

BET agreed it should compensate him, but disputed the amount. The hearing continues tomorrow.

Botnar strikes £59m deal with 'draconian' Revenue

By Jon Ashworth

OCTAV BOTNAR, chairman and managing director of Nissan UK, has paid £59 million to settle an outstanding tax claim — and hit out at the "terror tactics" employed by Inland Revenue officials.

Mr Botnar, who is wanted on charges of tax fraud, said his company, once Britain's most successful car distributor, had been destroyed by a combination of Japanese manipulation and Inland Revenue connivance.

The *ex gratia* payment settles a claim for £250 million against Nissan UK, which is now a fraction of its former size since an Inland Revenue raid in June 1991. The swoop coincided with a decision by Nissan in Japan to sever a 21-year-old distribution agreement with Mr Botnar, who later fled to Switzerland.

Two Nissan UK directors, Michael Hunt and Frank Shannon, were later jailed on tax evasion charges. The Revenue yesterday said warrants for Mr Botnar's arrest remain outstanding. It is separately appealing in a dispute over £60 million in tax purportedly owed by Mr Botnar in relation to a charitable trust. Nissan UK, based in Worthing, West Sussex, sold its car dealership interests to the Barclay brothers, and is now a property management company. The £59 million payment will be met out of company assets of £93 million. Mr Botnar appears to have struck a good deal — with interest and penalties, the original £250 million would be worth £600 million in today's terms.



Botnar: still wanted

Mr Botnar, who turns 83 later this month, criticised the Inland Revenue's "draconian" actions. Their tactics, he said, "bear a striking similarity to those of the terror police in former communist countries of which I have had first-hand experience and which I thought I had left behind when I came to England".

Mr Botnar made his fortune importing Japanese cars to Britain at a time when they were looked on with disdain.

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Banks to tackle secrecy

The world's leading central banks have taken a significant step forward to lifting the veil of secrecy that has permeated many areas of international banking.

Until now, secretive domestic banking laws combined with the lack of a coherent policy for cross-border co-operation between supervisors has made it difficult to track the flow of criminal funds and to watch for early warning signals of problems within satellite banking operations, such as happened within the Singapore office of Barings.

A two-part report, *The Supervision of Cross-Border Banking*, published by the Basle Committee of Banking Supervision and the Offshore Group of Banking, contains 29 key recommendations. These go further to break down the communication barriers between watchdogs than any previous attempts.

At one level the report aims to strengthen the effectiveness of the supervision by home and host country authorities of banks which operate outside their national boundaries. On another level, however, the Basle Committee, which comprises senior central bank representatives from the Group of Ten countries has put forward a proposal to tackle the secrecy laws which hamper many international operations.

Hyundai expands

About 700 jobs are to be created in Scotland by Hyundai, the Korean electronics company, which is to build two plants in a £900 million investment at Halbeath, near Dunfermline, Fife.

Hyundai's investment in the region marks the culmination of years of diplomatic efforts by the British Embassy in Seoul, the Korean capital. The embassy had been cultivating Hyundai for several years when the company approached diplomats with the proposal.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Jamie Borwick, right, with Bill Gillespie, finance director, sees the "feel-good" factor showing in increased use of taxis

Demand at cabmaker accelerates

By Fraser Nelson

THE "feel-good" factor is returning to Britain's taxi ranks, according to Manganese Bronze Holdings, which yesterday said that new-found prosperity across inner-cities was fuelling record demand for its classic black cabs.

The company lifted its average weekly production from 52 to 60 during the year to July 31, taking pre-tax profits to £6.2 million (£4.2 million).

Jamie Borwick, chief executive, said output was now 68 cabs per week. "In the recession, people would just use the tube, but they are now very much more willing to hail a cab, and this is directly lifting our sales," he said.

Taxable profits rose by 56 per cent to £1.29 million, helping earnings from 15.5p to 26.8p per share. A final dividend of 4.5p makes a total of 7p (5p). The shares rose 19p yesterday, to 367½p.

Builders confirm upturn and operate nearer to capacity

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE building industry yesterday confirmed the recovery in the housing market as construction companies reported an improvement in business and in particular a sharp increase in capacity utilisation.

The findings of the building industry's principal quarterly state of trade survey will be welcomed by ministers and business leaders, who are awaiting with particular interest the results of the latest three-monthly studies of industry as key guides to the position of business before next month's Budget.

While building industry leaders insisted on injecting a note of caution in interpreting the results of the latest quarterly survey from the Building Employers' Confederation on the grounds that the improvements it signalled only went some way towards counterbalancing the depth of the double recession which has hit construction in the UK in the 90s, they accepted the survey marked a widening of recovery in the industry. The BEC's October survey of 600 construction companies showed that output rose about 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, with employment expectations in the industry "at last" starting to pick up.

While overall inquiry levels for new business remained roughly the same in the quarter, the spread of inquiries was wider across sectors of the industry, though only three regions — Yorkshire, the South West and the South — saw a rise. Overall, a net balance of 23 per cent of firms in the survey report new inquiries rising.

Seven out of 12 regions expect to see rising employment over the next three months, with a balance of 19 per cent of firms forecasting more jobs, compared with a balance of 4 per cent in the last quarter reporting jobs still declining. Firms across the survey reported increases in skill shortages.

The survey's most striking finding was a sharp rise in capacity utilisation. The proportion of firms working at or near full capacity is up from 29 per cent in the last quarter to 45 per cent now — the highest level since late 1989.

With an improving success rate in tenders, optimism in the industry is rising. Three fifths of firms now expecting a sustained increase in activity over the next 12 months.

Citing a genuine return of confidence across the industry, Paul Shephard, BEC chairman, said: "There are definitely some encouraging signs in these results which go some way towards lifting the gloom that has affected the construction industry over such a long period." He said he remained seriously concerned that many smaller firms, and companies in a number of regions, were so far not sharing in the improvements in the industry.

Mr Shephard called for action in the Budget by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that would lead to the sustained recovery across the whole of the economy, which had so far proved elusive.

New challenge to BT cuts

By Eric Reguly

THE telephone wars escalated yesterday when the two largest cable companies slashed their prices in an effort to remain competitive with BT's new tariffs, which come into effect today.

TeleWest Communications is dropping its prices to maintain its claimed 10 per cent to 15 per cent savings over BT's prices. Nynex CableComms followed suit, saying its new prices are 25 per cent cheaper than BT's.

Nynex said the prices for national daytime calls fell from 7.34p to 6.6p a minute, compared with BT's 8.8p. BT has reduced the price of evening and night-time national calls by 20 per cent, while daytime national calls fell 20 per cent. In September, it cut international weekend charges by between 5 per cent and 23 per cent, and weekday calls by between 10 per cent and 25 per cent. It is aiming its price reductions, which are imposed by Oftel, the industry regulator, at the residential sector.

☐ Energis, the telecoms company owned by the National Grid, said it is to reduce business call charges to the US to 10p a minute from Thursday.

Burford starts third demerger in a year

By Noel Fung

BURFORD HOLDINGS, the property investment company, embarked on its third demerger in a year by spinning off Grantchester Holdings and creating the largest listed retail warehouse specialist in the UK.

The demerged Grantchester will acquire from Burford a retail park in Falkirk and an option over another park in Huddersfield, valued together at £41.45 million, on top of the six retail investment properties it already owns.

In return Burford shareholders will be given one Grantchester share for every 13 Burford shares they hold, giving them a 46 per cent stake in the newly listed entity.

Burford will subscribe £10 million to retain a 24 per cent holding. Grantchester's existing management will have a 30 per cent interest.

After listing Grantchester will have net assets of £63.4 million, equivalent to 91p per share. The pro forma value of its investment properties will be £86 million, rising to £100 million on the exercise of the option over the Huddersfield property.

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Canada $	2.228	2.066	Norway Kr	10.72	9.92
Cyprus Cyp£	0.763	0.708	Portugal Esc	253.50	235.00
Denmark Kr	9.73	8.93	S Africa Rd	7.67	6.87
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.05	Spain Pta	207.50	194.50
France Fr	8.49	7.84	Sweden Kr	10.97	10.17
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33	Switzerland Fr	2.10	1.91
Greece Dr	392	367	Turkey Lira	147000	139000
Hong Kong $	12.73	11.73	USA $	1.662	1.532
Iceland	115	95			
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95			
Israel Shk	5.37	4.72			
Italy Lira	2483	2328			
Japan Yen	188.50	172.50			

Rates for small denomination bank notes supplied by Barclays Bank. Other rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Moss Bros profits reach record £4.9m

MOSS BROS, the menswear group, provided more evidence of stronger high street spending yesterday when it reported rapid growth in its profits and sales. Pre-tax profits for the six months to July 27 were 54 per cent up, to a record £4.9 million. Sales rose by 35 per cent to £48.5 million, boosted by recent openings of Suit Company and Savoy Taylors Guild shops. Like-for-like sales growth ran at 14 per cent during the first half. Menswear spending remained buoyant through August and September, with an 11 per cent increase in like-for-like sales for the first weeks of its second half.

Terry Donovan, finance director, said the menswear market had grown by about 7 per cent this year. Moss Bros estimates it has nearly 10 per cent of the suit market. The acquisition of Blazer, the 28-shop chain bought from Storehouse for £7.1 million, made a small loss in its first six weeks as part of the group. Moss Bros expects Blazer to improve the group's earnings next year. Moss Bros has increased its interim dividend by 30 per cent to 6.5p a share, payable on November 12.

O&R chairman quits

MAURICE DWEK has resigned as chairman of Owen & Robinson after the shoe retailer gave warning that its year-end results would fall below market forecasts. Mr Dwek, who joined part of a rescue team in July last year, is the third director to resign in as many months, after Rodney East and Keith Miles. Egon von Greyerz, the former finance director of Dixons, has been named as the company's new chairman. Analysts, who were looking for profits of £900,000 before the warning, were making no year-end predictions yesterday. Its shares fell a penny to 8¼p.

Chrysalis appointment

CHRIS WRIGHT, the executive chairman of Chrysalis, the music and entertainment group, has finally made good on his promise to appoint a managing director. The hiring yesterday of Philip McDanell, 44, the former senior vice-president of MTV Networks Europe, came after a boardroom row that saw Chrysalis lose two of its three non-executive directors. Sir David Putnam and Viscount Chandos resigned last month, partly because of the apparent unwillingness of Mr Wright, who owns 43 per cent of the company, to appoint a managing director.

Rolls to sell subsidiary

ROLLS-ROYCE is to sell Bristol Aerospace, its Canadian maintenance and missile company which employs 960 people. Stan Todd, president of Rolls-Royce Canada Industries, said: "Over time, Bristol Aerospace's products have moved away from the business areas Rolls-Royce sees as central to its operation in the next century. This evolution has reached a point where we believe it is in the best interest of the business for it to be owned by a company more focused on these products." Rolls-Royce said it had not fixed a price and was not yet involved in negotiations.

Warning hits Blick

SHARES of Blick fell 179p to 425p yesterday as the time measurement and security systems provider said that it had suffered difficult trading conditions in its last quarter and expected slower growth. The company is to invest £500,000 for 51 per cent of a joint venture in Europe, to be named ABI Europe. It will produce an office computer system that will integrate fire and security networks with clocking-in swipe cards used by employees. Kleinwort Benson, Blick's broker, yesterday cut its profits forecasts from £16 million to £15.2 million for the year to September 30.

Seton buys for £7m

SETON HEALTHCARE Group, the medical products company, announced two acquisitions worth a total of £7 million yesterday. It is buying the Far East rights to the Woodward's brand of gripe water and teething gel from London International Group for £3.5 million and has also purchased Cymalon, a leading cystitis brand, from SmithKline Beecham for £3.5 million. In the year to March 31 Woodward's Far East earned operating profits of £1.3 million on sales of £2.3 million. Seton acquired the UK and UK export business of Woodward's in November 1995.

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☐ Extending VAT would be self-defeating ☐ BBC shows off to the City ☐ Paddington gets a job

Bad idea for Bournemouth

☐ MANY Conservatives will have tried to lift their spirits on the way to Bournemouth by reading *A Conservative Agenda*, a timely outpouring of fifth-term policies from the Centre for Policy Studies. By the time they finish, many might wonder if Tessa Keswick and Edward Heathcoat Amory, its authors, are in fact a fifth column.

The most attention-grabbing proposal is to levy VAT on food, fares and, believe it or not, water. You can imagine how much West Country Tories will enjoy selling that one on the doorstep. The aim is to bring the main rate of income tax down to 20 per cent while cuts in benefits and Whitehall genuinely bring public spending below its current 42 per cent of national income.

Indirect tax on spending is "inherently more desirable" than taxing incomes, say the authors, although "extending the VAT base is not politically easy". If anything proves the folly of scouring old economics textbooks for new policies, this is it. In a state running a price-protected benefit system, the only sure effect of a switch from direct tax to tax on everyday goods is to increase public spending on welfare and the total tax burden.

State pensions and most means-tested benefits are linked to the retail prices index. Food, fares *et al* feature heavily in the index and make up a higher proportion of the spending of poorer people. That is why they were left out in the first place.

The decision to levy VAT on domestic fuel, which is heavily used by pensioners, entailed a rise of about £1 billion a year in public spending to raise £3 billion in tax. Since 1979, the gradual switch from direct to indirect taxation has probably added 2 percentage points to public spending as a proportion of the nation's income.

That is doubtless one reason why John Major gave voters the impression in 1992 that there would be no extension of VAT.

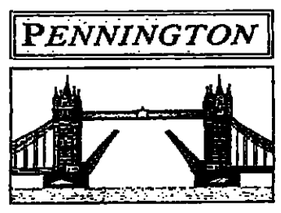
Auntie cuts her cloth

☐ WHICH big business, over the past three years, has cut almost a fifth off costs and reduced borrowings to a fifth of their former level? Which corporation has managed a 9 per cent increase in output of its most expensive product? And which manufacturer, faced with rapid incursions from new competition into a market it once dominated, has responded by cutting support staff by 5,000, or 20 per cent, over five years while taking on 1,500 more production-line workers?

The answer could be pretty well every company across British industry, or at least those that intend to survive. But the above numbers come from the BBC, dear old Auntie herself, from a briefing to be given today to City media analysts. Studio prices are down 25 per cent over three years, investment in programmes is up by £300 million, and TV hours and radio hours produced have risen by 9 and 18 per cent respectively.

There has even been, and scan the schedules for proof to the contrary if you will, a 41 per cent reduction in peak-time repeats.

The Beeb presents annually to the City, but today's figures have an added interest because of the deal announced late last month between the corporation and Discovery Communications of the US and London-quoted Flextech. A new venture will sell BBC products on dedicated channels by satellite in Britain



and America, concentating on the drama, documentaries and comedy that the BBC, rampant jingoism aside, does better than anyone else in the world. The programmes will go to the BBC's existing viewers as well, but part of the production costs will be met by the new partners.

The deal would have been unthinkable a decade ago. This is not the occasion for agonised handwringing over the proper role of the BBC, and the erosion or otherwise of Reithian values. That battle can be fought elsewhere, if it has not already been lost. But it is accepted by the top management at least that the BBC, which has not seen an above-inflation increase in the licence fee for a decade, must operate on a commercial basis. If that view is adopted, then it is up to the corporation to strike the best Faustian bargain it can. The Flextech deal provides a half stake, free of charge, in a new business that will produce an additional income stream.

The BBC presentation will show that, on most available forecasts, the corporation cannot expect to share in the expected explosion of TV revenues over the next decade. The graph shows the Beeb, ITV and Channel 4 largely static at current levels. Some of the growth will go to Channel 5 from the start of next year, which will end up with a share somewhere behind Channel 4. Most will be enjoyed by satellite and cable, expected to treble their revenue over the next decade.

The BBC's problem is that there is no benefit, in terms of extra cash from licence holders, from an improvement in its programmes. Any management consultant, faced with static revenues, would conclude that the only way to improve service to customers would be to cut overheads and bring in outside partners to share them, thus raising output for the same cost. Now the BBC has reached this same conclusion.

Please take good care of this bear

☐ IT WAS a strange sort of morning in the Brown household. Mr Brown just sat there staring into space, muttering the phrase "ten million quid" to himself every now and again.

Paddington knew something important had happened. Finally Mr Brown cleared his throat. "Paddington," he said. "You've been living with us rent-free for years, and it's about time you earned a living."

Then the whole story came out. It seemed a man called Chris Akers, who used to be something important in the City, owned *Paddington's rights. Paddington* didn't know he had any rights, being a simple bear, but they were worth a lot of money. The problem was, he would have to move to a country called Canada, where it was very cold and the policemen all wore funny hats.

Mr Akers ran a queer sort of thing called Caspian that never seemed to make any money. Caspian had bought Leeds United Football Club, and there had been an awful quarrel over that, but it had at least brought in some profits at last. Caspian's market worth, £29 million, did not seem to have much to do with these, but Paddington learnt that the City was full of such strange things, which went by names such as "fast-growing media shells". It was a bit like buying antiques. Some were genuine, but others made a lot of people very unhappy in the end.

Suddenly Paddington had an idea. If Caspian made a lot of money, would Leeds be able to buy lots of good players from clubs like Athletico Darkest Peru and occasionally win a match? But Mr Brown was peering at the share price page in his newspaper, muttering to himself again. It sounded like "Pan Andean Resources"...

Hard but fair

☐ JUST for a moment it seemed *the Inland Revenue might make* a charitable exception of Octav Botnar. But Mr Botnar has been told he had better not show his face until he is ready to pay his debts. Good; and rantings about the Inland Revenue secret police will not have helped his case.

Calor expected to back 300p a share SHV bid

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHV, the controlling shareholder in Calor Group, is to make a 300p a share offer for the remaining shares in the bottled gas company. Calor is expected to recommend a formal offer for the company today from SHV, the private Dutch company that already owns 51.6 per cent of Calor's equity.

Calor shares rose sharply last week, closing at 290p on Friday, an increase of more than 10 per cent from their level at the end of September. Yesterday's announcement of SHV's intentions is thought to have been prompted by the share price movement. SHV is proposing to offer 300p in cash, including a 40p net special dividend which will be paid by Calor, conditional upon the approval of independent non-executive directors of Calor, Michael Davies and George Duncan. Mr Davies and Mr Duncan are recommending the bid to shareholders.

According to SBC Warburg, which is advising SHV, the 40p special dividend is likely to be worth an extra 10p to pension funds and other non-taxpayers, valuing the offer at 310p per share. The special payout is in addition to the 6p interim dividend already announced last month.. In support of its bid, SHV is likely to argue that Calor's core UK business is mature and suffering from competitive pressure, while cash returns from investments in developing countries are a long way off.

The offer is to be made by way of a scheme of arrangement, which avoids the requirement for the bidder to secure 90 per cent or more of the outstanding shares to achieve complete ownership.

In March, Calor announced a £10 million restructuring of its core liquid propane gas business, involving the loss of up to 200 jobs. Profits declined from £49 million to £35 million last year because of warm weather and higher gas prices.

With SHV's help, Calor has been expanding its investment in developing countries, such as the purchase, through a joint venture, of an interest in a leading distributor in Brazil this year.

Calor reported last month that Calortex, its joint venture natural gas distributor, had secured the second-largest market share in the South West free market gas trials.

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Cobham delivers 47% rise

COBHAM, the aerospace equipment supplier, achieved a 47 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £20.8 million from £14.1 million in the six months to June 30 (Oliver August writes).

Earnings per share grew from 12.39p to 15.7p and the interim dividend was lifted from 3.05p to 3.5p, payable on December 12.

The Nimrod replacement contract awarded to British Aerospace will benefit Cobham to the tune of £100 million over the next ten years. FBS, a joint venture, will provide helicopters and staff for the Service Defence Helicopter Flying School under a £400 million contract.

Irish media group raises takeover bid

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

INDEPENDENT Newspapers, the Irish Republic media group, enhanced its chances of securing control of Wilson and Horton, New Zealand's largest publishing company, when it increased its takeover bid to Ir£463 million from Ir£442 million.

Independent said its revised offer of NZ$11 a share, increased from NZ$10.50, had been agreed at the weekend with the independent directors of Wilson and Horton who are recommending acceptance.

John Meagher, deputy chairman of Independent Newspapers, said: "Although we believe the original offer was fair, we also wanted to have the full support of the independent directors of Wilson and Horton." Independent and several other companies controlled by Tony O'Reilly already own 45 per cent of Wilson and Horton.

The original offer was given a boost when a New Zealand Stock Exchange appraiser said it was "fair". The appraisal, a legal requirement in New Zealand, valued Wilson and Norton shares at $10.20 to $11.10. But analysts there insisted that given the stock has traded above $10.50 since the takeover bid, Independent would have to dig deeper.

The company made pre-tax profits of $28.1 million on revenues of $212.9 million for the first six months of this year.

US sale for United Utilities

UNITED UTILITIES, the multi-utility formed last year by the £1.8 billion takeover of Norweb by North West Water, has sold its multinational wastewater treatment division to United States Filter Corporation for £125 million in cash and shares (Fraser Nelson writes).

The division, which has assets of £76 million, contains seven separate companies, with a presence in as many countries. It has been on the auction block since March.

***United States Filter Corporation* has made the acquisition as part of its bid to construct an international one-stop-shop for water treatment. Shares of United Utilities closed at 576½p yesterday, down 1p.**

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares close at new high after Shell and BP rally

SHARE prices on the London stock market extended their record-breaking run but were showing signs of running out of steam by the close.

A remarkable performance by Britain's two biggest oil companies **BP**, 12p up at 699½p, and **Shell**, 17p better at £10.16, was the equivalent of a seven-point rise in the index and helped to keep the market in positive territory at the close. Shell was marked high by reports that it is close to merging its US marketing and refining interests with another oil producer.

Prices in London were marked higher at the outset, partly reflecting Friday's better than expected US employment numbers and subsequent outlook for interest rates. At one stage the FT-SE 100 index touched a record all-time high of 4,046.8. It failed to maintain the early pace and lost ground on the back of an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones average climbed above 6,000 for the first time but quickly fell back.

The index finished 6.7 points up at a record closing high of 4,031.5. The total number of shares changing hands was less than 600 million.

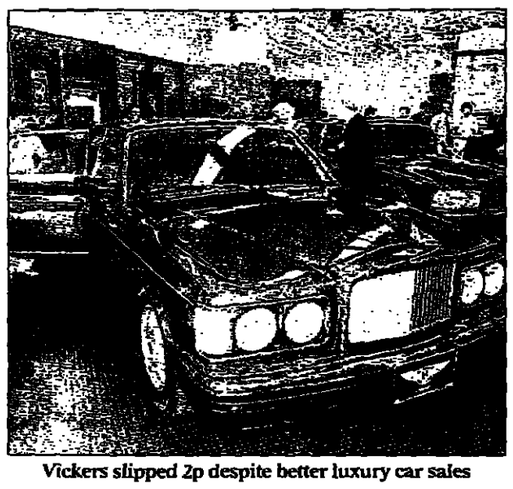
TI Group's proposed acquisition of Forsheda, the Swedish group, for £189 million was well received by the market. Brokers said the deal would have a neutral impact on margins this year. The shares firmed 2p to 572p.

A large seller of stock left **T&N**, the automotive components group, nursing a fall of 2½p at 130½p. Brokers reported a line of one million shares at 128p.

Vickers has increased market share in sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars at the luxury end of the market during the first nine months of the year. The total number of models sold rose from 1,082 to 1,278, with sales in this country 34 per cent higher. Sales in Europe fell 12 per cent. The shares slipped 2p to 282p.

Rolls-Royce, the aero engine manufacturer, saw a strong run come to an abrupt end as the price finished 8p lower at 258p on profit-taking.

Calor Gas advanced 6½p to 297p on news of the long-awaited bid by SHV, its biggest shareholder. The Dutch group, which already owns 51.6 per cent of the company, proposes to bid 300p a share, valuing the entire bottled gas company at £506 million.



Vickers slipped 2p despite better luxury car sales

Another burst of speculative buying carried **Blenheim**, the exhibitions organiser, 22p higher to 435½p amid claims that it is close to unveiling terms of an agreed £450 million bid by Reed-Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publisher. Terms of such a deal would value the group at 480p a share, but City speculators will be anxious to see if Lord Hollick's **United News & Media**, publisher of the *Daily Express*, comes back with a higher offer.

Earlier talks between Blenheim and United News and Reed are thought to have broken down earlier this year over the price being demanded by Blenheim. Reed has since had second thoughts and came back for further talks. United News, which is also thought to have expressed an interest in HTV, the independent broadcaster, ended 5½p cheaper at 659p. HTV lost 16p at 368½p.

Manchester United held steady at 451½p ahead of half-year figures this morning expected to show a downturn in profits. Yesterday the Premiership side announced plans to launch Red Tribe lager in supermarkets across the country soon. It has joined up with Charles Wells, the brewer, and expects to sell more than one million cans of before Christmas.

Brokers gave a lukewarm reception to half-year figures from **Cobham**, the old Flight Refuelling business, leaving the shares nursing a fall of 38½p at 629p. It followed the group's admission that a downturn in the electronics industry would lead to a flat second half for its Westwind subsidiary. This emerged as the group reported an increase in pre-tax profits during the first six months of £6.7 million at £20.8 million. Analysts are still looking for £43 million for the full year. Cobham shares rose sharply higher last week.

Moss Bros responded to a solid first-half performance and encouraging prospects with a rise of 55p at £12.50. A near £1 million increase in first-half profits lifted **Doeflex** 13p to 289½p and even **Chiroscience** put on 11½p at 407½p despite increasing interim losses from £5.5 million to £7.32 million.

BCE Holdings held steady at 121½p. Brokers say the shares are cheap and are overdue a rally. They are currently trading at almost half the level earlier this year.

A profits warning left **Blick**, the electronics group, nursing a loss of 103p at 425p. The group says growth next year will be slower because of its accelerating investment programme. Blick has begun investing heavily in software after linking up earlier this year with Amano Corporation of Japan. Kleinwort Benson, the company's own broker, had been looking for profits of £16 million for the year.

A profits warning also took its toll of **Marling Industries**, down 3¼p at 14½p.

Plans to demerge Grantchester, its retail warehousing business subsidiary, lifted **Burford Holdings** 2½p to 141p.

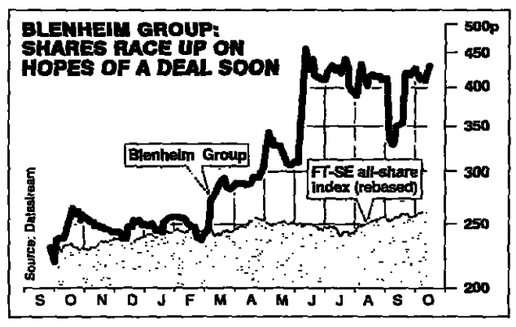
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** London followed German bunds and US treasury bonds lower in thin trading. But the market was able to draw comfort from the fact it had again been able to narrow the gap with German bunds.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £3/16 easier at £110⅝ as a total of 44,000 contracts were completed.

In longs benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £1/8 at £102⅞, while at the short end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a couple of ticks softer at £104 17/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average pushed through the 6,000 level before profit-taking took it back to 5,986.89 by midday, a drop of 5.97 points.

Securicor fell 5p to 271½p ahead of a meeting this week with brokers. They will be on the look-out for signs of a recovery in margins after a prolonged period of weakness. But hopes are high that the Government will soon relent and allow Securicor to sell of its 40 per cent stake in Cellnet to BT.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5986.89 (-5.97)
S&P Composite 702.36 (+0.90)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 21161.01 (+12.98)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 12133.07 (+227.56)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 587.46 (+2.53)

Sydney:
AO 2339.8 (+24.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2702.64 (+19.36)

Singapore:
Straits 2126.66 (+22.20)

Brussels:
General 9853.41 (-48.76)

Paris:
CAC-40 2151.55 (-1.14)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 795.70 (+4.30)

London:

FT 30	2848.4	(-9.4)
FT 100	4031.5	(+6.7)
FTSE Mid 250	4441.0	(+3.1)
FTSE 350	2005.0	(+2.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1763.88	(-9.86)
FT All-Share	1978.05	(+2.78)
FT Non Financials	2075.27	(+0.52)
FT Fixed Interest	114.91	(+0.10)
FT Govt Secs	94.98	(+0.06)
Bargains	50267	
SEAQ Volume	583.6m	
USM (Datastrm)	203.25	(+0.12)
US$	1.5641	(+0.0008)
German Mark	2.3935	(+0.0021)
Exchange Index	87.1	(Same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

£:ECU	1.2456
£:SDR	1.0881
RPI 153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100	
RPIX 152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100	

RECENT ISSUES

AEA Technology	336½	+	4
Airtech	74½	+	2
Amer Opps U Ln	95		...
Brunner Mond	170½	+	1
Cruden Bay	85		...
Deltron Electrn (150)	168½		...
Elec Retail Sys	197½		...
Eurasia Mining	315		...
GT Chile Growth	2606½	+	03½
Grosvenor Land	157½		...
Hartstone 8% Cum	120½		...
Imperial Tobacco	414	–	2
Interoute Tele	174½		...
Mears Group	111½		...
Oriental Restrnts	210½	+	13
Personal Number	85½	–	11
Polydoc	69½	+	2
Shalibane	137½		...
Ultra Electronics	290½		...
Weeks Group	71½		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BICC n/p (270)	15	–	1½
Davis Fin ULS n/p	55½	+	8½
FII Group n/p (105)	2		...
Grampian n/p (125)	2	–	1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

French corn	280p (+15p)
Blenheim Gp	435½p (+22p)
Ashtead	230p (+10½p)
Calor Gp	297p (+12½p)
Laing (J)	272½p (+11p)
Micro Focus	837½p (+30p)
Next	570½p (+13p)
Booker	401½p (+9p)
Gen Accident	715p (+13p)
Leg & Gen	833½p (+15p)

FALLS:

Porvair	255p (-26p)
Cobham	629p (-38½p)
Gerrard Nat	297½p (-14p)
Caird Gp	667½p (-25p)
Andrews Sykes	420p (-15p)
Smith David	324p (-10½p)
Clyde Blowers	330p (-10p)
HTV Group	374½p (-10p)
Time Products	407½p (-10p)
Provident	472½p (-9p)
Ryl Bk Scot	521½p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Eurotunnel mysteries

ONE of the mysteries in the Eurotunnel refinancing — there are more than a few — is how its corporate financiers and the bankers arrived at a price of 130p for the shares to be issued to the banks in lieu of debt. Seemingly plucked from the air, it could become a benchmark when the suspension of trading in the shares is lifted. Having swapped £1 billion of debt into Eurotunnel units, the bankers will be less than keen to immediately write down their interest, so some support at 130p must be assumed. That said, and leaving aside Gallic jubilation over the resurrection, there is good reason to question whether the refinancing is painful enough for Eurotunnel to have a future as an investment.

Within the almost incomprehensible muddle of equity notes, participating loan notes, resettable bonds and stabilisation notes is a deal that still leaves Eurotunnel with too much debt. Dividend timetables have been set back countless times. Now the prospect looks ever more distant; the banks have their paws on 30 per cent of the net cash flow after total costs and debt service through the participating loans. Moreover, there is the possibility of unpaid interest being rolled up into even more shares if Eurotunnel feels its finances are getting iffy.

Projecting a return within this patchwork of securities is almost impossible, but a simplified analysis shows that Eurotunnel currently has about £150 million of cash flow after operating costs. Even after the refinancing, it has to find more than £400 million to properly service the debts. Only a brave investor would preclude the banks taking another pound of flesh.

Moss Bros

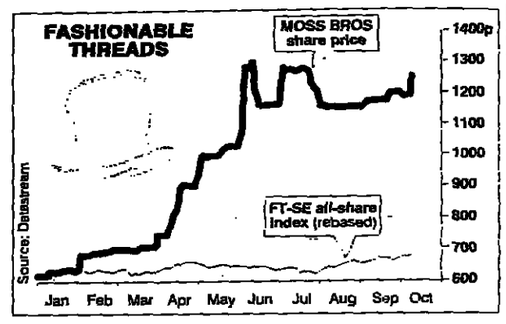
FASHION has overtaken Moss Bros shares which seem to have shed the dull respectability of pinstripes from The Suit Company in favour of Versace jackets from Cecil Gee.

Moss Bros has quadrupled in value since April last year, and yesterday's first-half results showed why. Sales were up by 35 per cent, profits by 54 per cent, and earnings by 45 per cent. A buoyant menswear market has helped, bolstered by various alleged social trends. These include men taking more interest in their clothes, an increased willingness to wear a suit for a night out, even a revival in "black tie" functions among university students.

But Moss Bros has also invested well in new shop openings over the past few years. As the newer shops mature, like-for-like sales are growing strongly.

Moss Bros shows every sign of continuing this progress. The second half has begun well and the company should make £15 million or more this year, and perhaps £18 million next year. Unfortunately, it is difficult to recommend the shares. Up another 55p to £12.50 yesterday, they trade on around 22 times this year's earnings.

For all the quality of the Moss Bros management, the risk is that menswear spending will be hit by an increase in interest rates or some other economic shock. It may be time to take some profits.



Calor Group

SHV, the Dutch controlling shareholder of Calor Group, is on to a good thing and that looks like bad news for minority investors. Calor has hardly been a scintillating performer; the bottled gas company has a volatile profit record. Calor distributes a commodity product, liquid propane gas, and had been gently losing market share. Warm winters and volatile LPG prices regularly spoil the picture.

Nevertheless, Calor has fundamental value. A £10 million restructuring aimed at reducing overhead gave it enough leeway in the first half to lower prices and claw back some market share. Most important is its powerful cashflow and ungeared balance sheet. While SHV will doubtless claim that Calor's core business is going nowhere, it is generating a very good cash return while reinvesting in developing markets.

So good is the cashflow that SHV can avoid paying a good part of the value of the company by dipping into Calor's own balance sheet. Some 40p of the offer price will come in the form of a special dividend, worth about £32 million to the minority shareholders. On top of that, SHV can dip into HM Treasury's coffers to enhance the bid as pension funds will be able to top up their bid with a 10p tax credit on the special dividend.

If SHV is keen, it is because it recognises the value of Calor's cashflow and the long-term potential of investments in Latin America and Asia. It may be a bit late to kick up a fuss but the minority investors deserve a better deal.

Shell

SHELL OIL was clearly embarrassed yesterday when it was found holding hands with Texaco. So flustered was Shell's American subsidiary that the company put out a statement suggesting that any joint arrangements between the two companies would be positive for Shell Oil's employees. A sure sign that redundancies must be on the cards.

That was reinforced by the stock market which promptly upgraded Shell Transport shares as the City speculated on the US cost savings. Based on comparisons with the BP/Mobil joint venture in Europe, some reckon cost reductions of some £200 million could fall into Shell's lap, while a venture could achieve a US retail market share of more than 10 per cent.

If Shell Oil was embarrassed, its parent in London will be doubly so. Efforts to reduce the European refining assets have been slow to emerge. From losses back in 1992 Shell Oil has become the group leader in cost-cutting and innovation. Head office have some catching up to do.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	977-976	Mar	1065-1062
Mar	1004-1003	May	1076-1075
May	1017-1015	Jul	1085-1080
Jul	1030-1029	Sep	1105 SLR
Sep	1042 BID		
Dec	1052 BID		Volume 3410

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1539-1527	Jul	1395-1380
Jan	1457-1456	Sep	1395-1380
Mar	1421-1420	Nov	1401-1385
May	1400-1399		Volume 2745

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	321.5-22.0
Spot	332.1	Oct	315.5-14.4
Dec	326.0-25.8	Dec	318.0-16.9
Mar	322.0-20.8	Mar	321.5-19.8
May	321.8-20.3		Volume: 1014

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	100.37	115.37	96.27
[illegible]	-0.61	+1.25	+0.61
England/Wales	100.37	115.14	96.19
[illegible]	-0.61	+0.98	+0.32
[illegible]	+1.9	+1.50	+5.0
Scotland	unq	116.27	97.76
[illegible]	-	+2.51	+5.88
[illegible]	-	-	+5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	24.15	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	24.05	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Dec)	23.95	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	25.05	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	24.90	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	211 (n/c)	214 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	251 (+2)	253 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	119 (+4)	121 (+4)
Naphtha	219 (n/c)	224 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	247.25-47.50	Jan	220.75 SLR
Nov	240.50-40.75	Feb	211.00-11.25
Dec	230.75 BID		Vol: 27077

BRENT ($.00pm)

Nov	24.07-24.09	Feb	22.19-22.22
Dec	23.57-23.59	Mar	21.53 BID
Jan	22.80-22.82		Vol: 54248

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	102.30	Nov	100.85
Jan	104.10	Jan	102.90
Mar	105.45	Mar	104.00
May	107.20	May	105.50
Jul	109.00	Sep	95.50
Volume 302		Volume: 40	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	32.50
Mar	-	73.20
Apr	73.0	72.70
Volume: 59		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Nov 84.25-86.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 96	1140	1135	1135
Nov 96	1210	1202	1202
Dec 96	1220	1220	1207
Jan 97	1258	1222	1222
Vol 74 lots		Open Interest: 4117	
		Index 1039.46	

(Official) (Volume prev day)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash: 1931.5-1932.5	3mth: 1922.0-1923.0	Vol: 114475
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2	1751.50-1752.00	193050
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1005.0-1006.5	1021.5-1022.5	424750
Tin ($/tonne)	5440.0-5460.0	5400.0-5410.0	27220
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1319.0-1320.0	1352.0-1353.0	1369960
Nickel ($/tonne)	7040.0-7080.0	7075.0-7090.0	46860

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 96	4075.0	4077.0	4061.0	4069.0	8917
Previous open interest: 60232	Mar 97	4081.0	4081.0	4081.0	4082.0	3
FT-SE 250	Dec 96				4465.0	0
Previous open interest: 3571	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 96	94.05	94.07	94.03	94.06	12026
Previous open interest: 425977	Mar 97	93.92	93.95	93.89	93.92	7552
	Jun 97	93.74	93.75	93.69	93.73	7665
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.31	99.32	99.31	99.32	446
	Jun 97	99.19	99.19	99.18	99.18	250
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 96	96.85	96.86	96.84	96.84	12869
Previous open interest: 1052990	Mar 97	96.83	96.84	96.80	96.80	14665
Long Gilt	Dec 96	110-21	110-25	110-16	110-20	44024
Previous open interest: 163426	Mar 97				109-26	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	123.01	123.18	122.90	122.90	2462
	Mar 97	122.01	122.07	122.01	121.90	178
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 96	99.69	99.71	99.22	99.33	127616
Previous open interest: 249035	Mar 97	98.63	98.64	98.33	98.32	523
Three month ECU	Dec 96	95.98	95.99	95.97	95.99	512
Previous open interest: 22816	Mar 97	95.90	95.90	95.88	95.90	252
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 96	98.43	98.43	98.38	98.40	3854
Previous open interest: 92363	Mar 97	98.42	98.42	98.36	98.39	1628
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 96	123.10	123.14	123.09	123.12	15352
Previous open interest: 7954	Mar 97	122.77	122.77	122.77	122.56	5

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6%. Finance Houses

Discount Market Loans: Overnight high: 5⅝ Low 5⅝ Week fixed: 5⅝

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛, 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛, 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	n/a
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	n/a
Interbank:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	n/a

Overnight: open 5⅝, close n/a.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅝	5⅝	n/a
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅛-5⅜	5⅛-5⅜	5⅝-5⅞	n/a
Dollar CDs:	5.26	n/a	5.42	5.59	5.89
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅛-5⅜	5⅛-5⅜	5⅝-5⅝	n/a

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	2-1
Yen:	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.00-379.00 Close: $380.40-380.90 High: $380.40-381.90
Low: $379.00-379.50 AM: $379.60 PM: $380.10

Krugerrand: $380.00-382.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $363.50 (£245.35) Silver: $4.89 (£3.125) Palladium: $119.50 (£76.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6817-2.6898	2.6837-2.6865	½-¼pr	2¾-2pr
Brussels	49.205-49.770	49.247-49.312	16-11pr	39-32pr
Copenhagen	9.1611-9.1810	9.1611-9.1653	2¾-3¼pr	5¾-6¼pr
Dublin	0.9757-0.9789	0.9757-0.9773	5-10pr	12-9pr
Frankfurt	2.3898-2.3964	2.3920-2.3942	½-1pr	1¾-1½pr
Lisbon	241.54-242.27	241.76-242.04	½-6dis	½-6dis
Madrid	201.13-201.49	201.13-201.30	17-27dis	43-60dis
Milan	2367.0-2374.3	2371.7-2374.3	4-6dis	11-13dis
Montreal	2.1132-2.1170	2.1153-2.1170	0.43-0.38pr	0.85-0.76pr
New York	1.5628-1.5642	1.5634-1.5641	0.085-0.065pr	0.165-0.135pr
Oslo	10.168-10.187	10.170-10.178	½-pr	½-pr
Paris	8.0847-8.1030	8.0847-8.0914	2-1½pr	5-4½pr
Stockholm	10.322-10.350	10.333-10.350	½-pr	½-pr
Tokyo	173.88-174.52	173.88-174.08	½-pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.813-16.959	16.927-16.844	½-pr	1½-pr
Zurich	1.9620-1.9657	1.9624-1.9645	½-pr	2½-2¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr, Discount = dis.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2708-1.2716
Austria	10.76-10.77
Belgium (Com)	31.50-31.51
Canada	1.3530-1.3535
Denmark	5.8620-5.8640
France	5.1728-5.1751
Germany	1.5630-1.5650
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.6003-1.6022
Italy	1516.55-1517.05
Japan	111.23-111.28
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5516
Netherlands	1.7172-1.7182
Norway	6.5073-6.5111
Portugal	154.72-154.77
Singapore	1.4112-1.4122
Spain	128.70-128.79
Sweden	6.6135-6.6210
Switzerland	1.2555-1.2565

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso	1.5630-1.5656
Australia dollar	1.0860-1.0886
Bahrain dinar	0.5830-0.5950
Brazil real	1.5598-1.5640
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7260-0.7360
Finland markka	7.0725-7.1085
Greece drachma	372.75-379.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0851-12.0921
India rupee	55.24-56.20
Indonesia rupiah	3596.0-3664.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4640-0.4740
Malaysia ringgit	3.9077-3.9118
New Zealand dollar	2.2588-2.2615
Pakistan rupee	57.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6275-5.7515
Singapore dollar	2.2053-2.2083
S Africa rand (com)	7.0330-7.1350
UAE dirham	5.6775-5.8015

Barclays Bank GFS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	486	Lloyds TSB	5,300
ASDA Gp	1,100	LucasVarity	3,100
Abbey Nt	2,700	Marks Spr	2,100
Allied Dom	747	NatWst Bk	5,300
Argos	239	Nat Grid	2,000
AB Foods	488	Nat Power	2,700
BAA	2,500	Next	876
BAT Inds	5,100	Orange	900
BOC	576	P & O	3,300
BP	8,700	Pearson	934
BSkyB	1,100	Pilkington	1,300
BTR	4,000	PowerGen	1,000
BT	10,300	Prudential	2,400
Bk of Scot	3,300	RMC	434
Barclays	3,800	RTZ	1,100
Boss	1,400	Railtrack	6,600
Blue Circle	911	Rank Group	2,300
Boots	1,400	Reckitt Col	994
Bae	1,700	Redland	698
BA	7,900	Reed Intl	623
Brit Gas	13,100	Rentokil	1,100
Brit Steel	2,600	Reuters	2,800
Burmah Cstl	149	Rolls Royce	7,300
Burton	4,400	Royal & Sun	4,000
Cable Wire	4,100	Royal Bk Sct	821
Cadbury	4,000	Safeway	1,500
Carlton Cms	1,400	Sainsbury	1,700
Cm Union	2,800	Schroders	66
Courtaulds	705	Scot & New	1,300
Dixons	862	Scot Power	2,000
EMI	1,700	Svrn Trent	998
Enterprise Oil	1,300	Shell Trans	8,700
GKN	1,200	Slebe	954
GRE	3,100	SmKl Bch	3,100
GUS	2,700	Smith Nph	1,000
Gen Acc	1,700	Smiths Inds	256
Gen Elec	8,000	Std Chartrd	2,500
Glaxo Well	4,200	TI Gp	1,300
Granada	1,600	Tate & Lyle	718
Grand Met	2,300	Tesco	1,400
Guinness	2,800	Thames W	1,300
HSBC	1,700	Tomkins	920
Hanson	5,300	Unilever	1,100
ICI	1,400	Utd Utilities	329
Imp Tob	5,100	Utd News	424
Kingfisher	1,900	Vodafone	5,500
LASMO	452	Whitbread	525
Ladbroke	2,300	Willms Hld	2,500
Land Secs	2,200	Wolseley	564
Legal & Gn	2,200	Zeneca	1,100

WALL STREET

	Oct 7 midday	Oct 4 close
AMP Inc	39⅜	39⅜
AMR Corp	82⅝	83⅝
ASA	39	39
AT & T	39½	39½
Abbott Labs	50⅞	50⅝
Advanced Micro	14⅜	14⅜
Aetna Life	69⅞	70⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	29	30
Air Prod & Chem	80	80⅛
AirTouch Comm	27⅛	27⅞
Alberto-Culver B	43¼	43⅜
Albertson's	43	42⅞
Alcan Aluminm	30⅜	31⅛
Alco Standard	69¼	69⅜
Allied Signal	66⅛	66⅜
Alum Co of Am	58⅜	60
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅝
Amerada Hess	55	54⅞
Amer Brands	43¼	44
Amer El Power	41⅜	41⅜
Amer Express	47⅜	47⅛
Amer Gen Corp	36⅜	36⅜
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	63
Amer Intl	104⅛	104⅛
Amer Stores	42⅜	41⅞
Amer Standard	34⅛	34⅛
Amerltech	55½	55⅞
Amgen	72	71⅝
Anheuser-Busch	38	38⅛
Apple Computer	23	22⅞
Archer Daniels	20	20
Armco	4	4
Armstrong Worl	63⅜	64⅜
Asarco	37⅛	37⅛
Atl Richfield	131	129⅛
Auto Data Pro	44⅜	44⅛
Avery Dennison	59⅛	59⅛
Avon Products	49⅜	50
Baker Hughes	32⅜	32⅜
Baltim Gas & El	26⅛	26⅜
Banc One	41¼	41
BankAmerica	85⅛	84⅞
Bank of NY	39⅜	39⅜
Bankers Tr NY	81⅛	81⅛
Barnett Banks	59⅛	59⅛
Bausch & Lomb	37⅛	37⅛
Baxter Intl	45⅛	45⅛
Bear Stearns	24⅛	24⅛
Bell Atlantic	82⅜	82⅜
Bell Industries	15⅛	15⅛
BellSouth	46⅛	46⅛
Black & Decker	41⅛	41⅛
Block (HRB)	40⅜	40⅜
Boeing	76⅛	76⅛
Boise Cascade	37⅛	37⅛
Bristol Myers Sq	96⅛	96⅛
Browning Ferris	29⅛	29⅛
Brunswick	24	24
Burlington Nthn	84⅛	84⅛
CBS Emerg Corp	80⅛	80⅛
CIGNA Corp	130⅛	130⅛
CPC Intl	76⅛	76⅛
CSX	68⅛	68⅛
Campbell Soup	64⅛	64⅛
Can Pacific	19⅛	19⅛
Carolina Pwr	39⅛	39⅛
Caterpillar	69⅛	69⅛
Central & SW	29⅜	29⅜
Champion Intl	44⅛	44⅛
Chase Manhat	84⅛	84⅛
Chevron Corp	69⅛	69⅛
Chrysler	39⅛	39⅛
Cinnin Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Circus Circ	12⅛	12⅛
Citicorp	96⅛	96⅛
Clorox	84⅛	84⅛
Coastal Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Coca Cola	50⅛	50⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	86⅛	86⅛
Columbia Gas	58⅛	58⅛
Columbia/HCA	37⅛	37⅛
Comsat Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Comp Sci Intl	34⅛	34⅛
Conagra	43⅛	43⅛
Conrail	82⅛	82⅛
Cons Edison	29⅛	29⅛
Cons Nat Gas	42⅛	42⅛
Cooper Inds	39⅛	39⅛
Coroalis	46⅛	46⅛
Corning Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Crown Cork	47⅛	47⅛
Dana Corp	39⅛	39⅛
Dayton Hudson	73⅛	73⅛
Deere	41⅛	41⅛
Delta Air Lines	82⅛	82⅛
Deluxe Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Digital Equip	77⅛	77⅛
Dillard Dept St	39⅛	39⅛
Disney (Walt)	68⅛	68⅛
Dominion Res	41⅛	41⅛
Donnelley (RR)	32⅛	32⅛
Dover Corp	71⅛	71⅛
Dow Chemical	89⅛	89⅛
Dow Jones	44⅛	44⅛
Dravo	20⅛	20⅛
Duke Power	47⅛	47⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	67⅛	67⅛
Du Pont	69⅛	69⅛
Eastman Kodak	77

Lang confident business will turn out for Tories

Philip Bassett on the jousting by Conservatives and Labour for support from industry


Ian Lang will set out the Tory stall in Bournemouth for business to examine

Ian Lang is unequivocal: the Conservatives, he says, are the natural political party for business to support, on grounds of self-interest and the interests of Britain. And he is "confident and hopeful" that business will show its support in the coming general election.

That the President of the Board of Trade feels the need to make such a clear declaration is an indication of how far the jousting between the Conservatives and Labour for business support has come. In his speech tomorrow in Bournemouth to the Conservative Party's last annual conference before the election, Mr Lang will set out the Tory stall for business to examine ahead of polling day.

Speaking to *The Times* in advance of his address, Mr Lang maintained his confidence about the close inter-relationship between business and Conservatism. But he was passionate too, in his rejection of the suit Labour has been making to industry.

Mr Lang said: "Most of the businessmen I talk to, and I talk to a lot, are instinctively supportive of us and deeply anxious about what they would face under a Labour government" — a statutory national minimum wage, the ending of the UK's opt-out from the European social chapter, and what he identifies as the entirely different approach to business by the two parties.

The Conservatives emphasise the central importance of competitiveness and freedom for business to take its own decisions, while Labour is "still starting from a standpoint of intervention, control and advancing the interests of the trade union approach".

Policy towards business is unlikely to be the keynote of the Conservative conference, given the continuing swirl of allegations about sleaze and the deep splits within the party over Europe. But like many other supposed certainties previously taken for granted, the party's connection with business is now under threat.

Poll evidence suggests that the traditional support given to the Conservatives by business has not only slipped since the last general election in 1992 — in line with general poll findings amongst the electorate — but that it has stayed down. Among the business leaders regularly polled by the Institute of Management (IoM) support for the Conservatives is down by about 20 percentage points on their 1992 result, while business support for Labour is double its 1992 level.

The IoM's analysts say that managers' support for Labour is slipping back as they subject the party to closer examination as the election draws nearer.

However, they add that although the Conservatives still enjoy the largest business support of any party, the easing back from Labour has not led to a swingback to the Tories but to an increase in the number of undecided business voters.

Sitting in his eighth-floor office high above London's Victoria Street, Mr Lang is cheerily sceptical about such psephological rune-reading — and is doubtful, too, that groups such as "business" or, say, "women" can necessarily be seen in a homogenous electoral way. He dismisses the idea that although business does not much want to see a Labour victory in the coming election, it believes it is going to get one.

He says that polls also indicate a general trend rather than a particular, precise level of support and that, in any case, as the election approaches, they will tighten — indeed are already doing so. But the fact that Labour has any real presence at all among business voters is enough to worry Conservative Party managers who, like Mr Lang, essentially regard business as theirs.

So far, the Conservatives have not matched Labour's pro-business drive. Although the Conservatives in government, for example, have now issued in the form of the Competitiveness White Papers three lengthy annual statements on business policy, the last specifically Conservative *party* document on its attitudes towards business came in Peter Lilley's time at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Lang is unimpressed by Labour's two lengthy statements on business policy. Having memorably in *The Times* a year ago dismissed Labour's policies towards business as a "vapour wrapped up in a cloud", he now accepts that Labour has set out more policy in this area, but brushes it off as "all aspiration, assertion and wish lists".

He said: "We have always held ourselves out as a party that is a national party. The Labour Party glorified in the fact that it was a sectional party. Now it's trying to pretend that it isn't. It's still issuing sectional policies, but they're sectional policies wrapped up in a diffusive rhetoric. And that's inherently unsustainable."

He continued: "I came into politics as a businessman. I was in business for nearly 20 years, and my ministerial career both at the Scottish Office and now here (at the DTI) has been business-oriented.

"I was drawn initially to come into politics by resentment not just at the finishing point of Labour policies, but by the starting point of Labour policies" — a point which, he says, in spite of dressing it up in fashionable clothes such as 'stakeholding', is still there. Conservative policy towards business, he said, was the complete antithesis of the "inherently interventionist, intrusive, controlling attitude that you find on the other side".

While Mr Lang accepts that no one should assume that all the members of the Confederation of British Industry or other business groupings vote Conservative, he manages to point out that "the chances are that most of them do". If they do, or did, ministers such as Mr Lang recognise the resentment some businesses, especially small firms, feel towards a government that in the recession of the early Ninetieslet them down, and let them down badly: in terms of output, orders, jobs and for many absolute business survival.

He said: "It's inevitable that if you are a government you pay the price in popularity terms of the trade cycle and the economic cycle. We have been through some very rough times. But the answer to that is to say: yes, it was rough, and we've taken some difficult decisions. But look at the contrast now: we took the right decisions, as a result of which we have low interest rates, low inflation, unemployment well below the European average, more people in work and growth on an annual basis coming through."

He accepts that the task for the Conservatives is to translate that into votes, from business and everywhere else. "We must make sure that they lift their horizons", citing in particular the success of the Conservative Government in helping to bring more than £100 billion in inward investment to the UK since it came to office in 1979.

Labour's success in making inroads into the business community makes that task harder and the party's claims, encapsulated by Tony Blair, its leader, in his conference speech in Blackpool last week of Labour now being the party of business and especially of small business draws heat from Mr Lang.

"How Labour has the gall to stand up and claim that they support small businesses when every specific policy that they have is inimical to them, is ..." Words almost fail him at the audacity of it. What does he feel when he hears such claims? "Fury. Just fury. Tony Blair's performance last week was essentially fraudulent. Not just on the issue of small businesses. Right across the board he was promising all kinds of things without saying how they are going to be paid for."

Mr Lang insists that business has a proper valuation of how high the stakes will be for industry in the coming election: "I think that although the Labour Party hasn't spelt out its policies in great detail in many areas, the divides between us and them on the issues affecting business are as wide and deep in the run-up to the election as they have ever been."

But he implicitly accepts, too, the increase in business support for Labour when he claims that support for the Conservatives is coming back and yet offers an optimistic electoral forecast for the party.

He says: "I am confident that business will make a more realistic appraisal of where its interests lie when the time comes — and I sense that that mood is beginning to develop."

THE BUSINESS VOTE

All figures as percentages

	General election 1992	Sept 1995	Nov 1995	Feb 1996	May 1996	Aug 1996	Sept 1996
Conservative	64	45	42	43	42	44	43
Labour	13	32	32	25	26	24	25
Liberal Democrat	18	17	13	17	16	15	15
Other	7	6	5	5	5	8	6
Undecided	-	-	8	10	11	11	11

Source, Institute of Management

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

King orders a taxi to Tonga

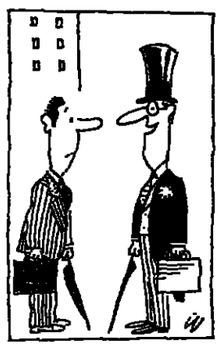
THERE is more good news for Manganese Bronze, London's largest maker of taxi cabs, after yesterday's record results announcement.

The King of Tonga, who is not known for his snake hips, has put in an order for a top-of-the-range cab of his own. The vehicle, to be delivered to the Friendly Isles, will come complete with leather seats and, of course, all mod cons.

In a desperate attempt to beat the bulge, His Royal Highness has recently taken possession of an exercise bike, but, following the lead of the Duke of Edinburgh, he has plumped for a Hackney Carriage.

Knight flight

ANGELA KNIGHT, queen bee at the Treasury, is getting more regal by the day. On a three-day trip to China, the Treasury Minister flew separately from Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, and Ian Salter, deputy chairman of the London Stock Exchange. Staying at the China World Hotel, she took time off during her whirlwind visit yesterday to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in Peking, an agreement with the China Securities Regulatory Commission. The agreement is aimed at closer links between financial regulators. Sunday was spent walking part of the Great Wall of China and inspecting the Ming tombs.


"The big occasion? Record interims plus a dividend increase from Moss Bros"

Five-Bob effort

LONDON'S traditional red telephone boxes aren't safe these days, after BT took New World Payphones to court because it was adopting the King George V kiosks for its own use. Now, it's the turn of Telewest, the UK's largest cable supplier, who cut the cost of its calls yesterday, on the eve of BT's reduced rate launch today. To deliver the latest blow in the war of the wires, Telewest hired five Bob Hoskins dopplegangers, wrapped in cables, to pose alongside BT telephone boxes in a corner of Trafalgar Square. It's good to talk.

HENDERSON Administration Group is laid to rest today, and henceforth all parts of the investment business will be known as Henderson Investors. Painters were flexing their brushes to the maximum yesterday in a bid to revamp the gaudy maroon building in its new colours: brilliant red, blue and green.

Seeking office

PHILIP McDANELL, the new managing director at Chrysalis, drives a hard bargain. He has been on the wish list of executive chairman Chris Wright for the last year, and at last McDanell has thrown in the towel at MTV and joined him. But all is not well at Chrysalis where McDanell is lobbying for a new office. He is also angling for some time off: he wants to take part in the World Sailing Championships in San Francisco.

MORAG PRESTON


JANET BUSH

Lose-lose time for Clarke at the conference

It can't be much fun to be a Chancellor of the Exchequer whose greatest fans reside outside his own party and whose enemies are within. Sifting down this week to hone Thursday's speech to conference must seem an exercise in futility.

This was an election that the Government always wanted to fight on its economic management of the economy and, to a degree that has earned widespread respect in the City, Kenneth Clarke has delivered. The economy is in its fifth year of recovery with no discernable sign of higher inflation, unemployment has fallen for many months and Britain's balance of payments is in a surprisingly healthy position. The Chancellor is fond of describing all this as the best combination of economic circumstances for a generation and no doubt will again on Thursday.

To some extent, the Chancellor can take direct credit. He has repeatedly bettered the Bank of England's economic analysis, cutting interest rates and now refusing to raise them in defiance of the central bankers. Just yesterday, with figures showing a fall in industrial production of 0.4 per cent in August, confounding City expectations which believed that strengthening consumer demand was finally dragging industry out of its doldrums.

> The Chancellor of the Exchequer may be able to cut rates but he should not cut taxes

Of course, yesterday's production figures are a bit old and it does look from the evidence of various surveys that output picked up in September, some say quite sharply. Nevertheless, the figures suggest that Mr Clarke will be able to hang on without raising base rates until the election. This is a considerable bonus for the Government given the boost to confidence from mortgage rates at 30-year lows and the psychological blow if they were raised.

Strenghthening the Chancellor's hand on monetary policy too are events across the Atlantic where the Federal Reserve opted, to some surprise in the markets, not to raise interest rates, a decision that received early vindication in last Friday's weak set of American employment numbers. Of course, the Treasury always emphasises that British monetary policy is made purely on domestic grounds, but it is still helpful that US rates have remained on hold, helping world bond markets to rally strongly.

Much more important to the interest rate equation, however, is sterling. Since its low point last November, the pound has appreciated 6 per cent on a trade weighted basis. The traditional formula has it that a 4 per cent appreciation in sterling is the equivalent of 1 per cent on base rates. But, as Roger Bootle, of Midland Bank, notes, the actual level of base rates has fallen 1 per cent during this period. So there has been quite a significant monetary tightening, courtesy of the exchange rate.

In spite of the disappointing manufacturing figures, Mr Clarke can offer the party faithful something of a return of the "feel-good" factor, largely because of low interest rates. In extremis, he may even be able to produce another cut in rates.

What Mr Clarke cannot do is deliver the large eye-catching tax cuts that many of his colleagues want. The one palpable failure of his time at Number 11 is on the public finances. Progress towards balance in the medium term, the Government's official policy aim, has been slow. Any claim to be the party of sound public finances would be rendered laughable by a large fiscal give-away next month. The financial markets would rightly be horrified.

And Mr Clarke is not well served by advice from his own side. Take the latest offering from the Centre for Policy Studies, the influential Conservative think-tank. The CPS is recommending a 20p basic rate of income tax paid for by imposing VAT on food, water, books and domestic passenger transport. If John Major were searching for quick political euthanasia, surely this is it.

Ken Clarke is in a lose-lose situation when he faces conference this week, even when you take his special status as the party's Euro bogy man out of the equation. He cannot please his party without destroying the trust of the City. Worse, with the latest Gallup poll showing Labour as preferred guardian of the economy in spite of Mr Clarke's best efforts, he apparently cannot please the electorate.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Close these accounting loopholes

From Steven Easton

Sir, With the current uncertainty in the labour market, and the drive towards reducing headcount at any cost to produce favourable figures for the City, could I suggest closing a couple of accounting loopholes to save people a lot of stress and insecurity?

At the moment a company may state a headcount of permanent full time staff. This does not count contractors brought in on short term contracts, say six months, who are self-employed.

This has seen some large companies reduce permanent staff counts through redundancy but replace them with contractors who are often the same people! The work is still done, but it is not counted. Generally the argument put forward for this policy is that the contractors can be removed at a moment's notice. However, in practice they remain at work, renewing contracts for many years (and at £1,000-£2,000 a week for computer contractors, this is not cheap). A second ploy is to hive off whole divisions of a company as a wholly owned subsidiary. Employees are transferred to this company, with contracts safeguarded, perks may be reduced without compensation, and job security much lower. Again the work is still done, but the shareholders are not told as it is not reflected in the overall headcount.

Could I petition, through your newspaper, that the Accounting Standards Board look into closing these loopholes and that they demand that a company headcount includes employees in wholly owned subsidiaries and those that have been engaged for more than six months, regardless of contract type? Hopefully this would reduce corporate enthusiasm for a rather destructive practice.

Yours faithfully,
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Computers log the phone calls

From Mr Stuart Beadle

Sir, In your business letters column of October 1, Christopher Power asks how the managing director of British Gas knows that the majority of our customers' calls are being answered.

The reason we know is that our new computerised communications systems provide statistics on the number of calls handled, the number of calls abandoned and the number of callers in the queue at any time. We also have an analysis of those callers who receive the engaged tone.

While we acknowledge that our telephone service is still not yet satisfactory, it is still improving.

Yours faithfully,
STUART BEADLE,
National Call Centre Manager,
British Gas,
30 The Causeway,
Staines, Middlesex.

Regret that consumers will have to wait months for any gas bill reductions

From the Director-General of Ofgas

Sir, I did not intend to accuse British Gas of a personal campaign against me (Report, October 4), nor do I believe I did so in my comments. I did say I thought the generalised attempts to influence public opinion, which appeared to have characterised much of the comment on Ofgas's proposals, had not created an atmosphere suitable to an objective discussion between British Gas and Ofgas of the complex issues involved.

Ofgas considers there is scope to cut charges for gas transportation by an amount which will save the average domestic consumer £28 in 1997-98 and more in later years. In our opinion this would still leave British Gas enough revenue to provide a safe, reliable and efficiently run gas pipeline system, and to give a fair reward to each shareholder's interest in the gas transportation business. We were advised by many, including two independent panels, that further reductions were possible.

British Gas, however, considers the proposals would leave the company insufficient revenue for these purposes. There is therefore a difference of opinion on matters which require careful judgment. The issue will now go before the MMC.

I regret that consumers will now have to wait some months before knowing whether they will get bill reductions. In the meantime, however, I intend that it will be business as usual with British Gas in the other areas where we have regular contact. This includes the development of competition in the domestic supply market, where I should like to express my appreciation of the support and hard work of British Gas staff.

Yours faithfully,
CLARE SPOTTISWOODE,
Director-General,
Ofgas,
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London, SW1.

Lesson lacking

From Professor Andrew Burrows

Sir, The column headed "Lesson learnt" (Accountancy, September 26) was inaccurate. I have neither received, nor turned down, a request from the Canadian ICA to debate the issue of proportionate liability. I received a letter from the standing banking committee of the Senate in Ottawa asking whether I would be prepared to spend one to two hours speaking by video-conference call to some members of that committee. To make the best use of my and their time, I suggested that I instead deal with questions in writing. The committee has written back thanking me for my "kind offer" and indicating that the questions will be faxed to me. It is a pity that on a law reform issue of such importance your columnist should regard inaccurate jibes as a substitute for reasoned argument.

ANDREW BURROWS,
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The enemy within the Council of Lloyd's

From Mr Robert Hiscox

Sir, The fuss about the bonus paid to the chairman of Lloyd's completely misses the target.

The only repellent, disgusting and odious feature of the bonus is that a member of the Council of Lloyd's yet again leaked the information and broke his or her allegiance to the council and breached their agreed condition of serving on the council — total confidentiality.

The bonus of £100,000 per annum for four years for succeeding in the most difficult job in the City, thereby saving the country, countless policyholders, thousands of workers and names from financial disaster, is arguably far too small.

It is definitely too small when you consider that he had to work throughout with the enemy within, with some members of his closest council acting with a total lack of honour and integrity.

Yours faithfully,
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EC3.

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BTMM 03

Shares rise in thin trading

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	442½	-1½	6.6	16.8
625	417	Bulmer (HP)	495		3.3	16.6
131	81	Burn Stewart	83		7.5	17.9
775	615	Glenmorangie A	755		2.0	19.3
497½	411	Grand Metro	478	-1	4.0	20.3
854	695	Guinness†	841	-6½	4.2	15.7
378	315	Highland Dist	345		2.9	16.1
903	377½	Matthew Clark	353½	-4½	8.5	16.8
141	93	Morrison W	113		5.0	10.3
2612½	1606½	SA Breweries	1650		2.1	...

BANKS

3718½	2743½	ABN AMRO	3634½	-3½	3.7	12.9
663	525	Abbey Nat†	615	+5½	4.7	11.4
395	315	Allied Irish	382½		4.7	11.0
374½	285	Am. New Z	374½	-2	4.9	9.2
34434½	3647½	Bank American	5412½	-3½		
116	72½	Bank Scotland	113	-3	3.4	9.9
978	803	Barclays	921½	-10	3.6	10.6
5085½	413	Bk of Ireland	5095		3.7	11.7
462	378	Cater Allen	386	+1	5.7	11.4
56688½	4031½	Citicorp	5662½			
382	307½	Close Bros†	327½	-1	3.8	13.2
1575	1318½	Commercial	1446½		4.5	
1350	1086½	Nat Wst Nan YI	1078½	-3½	8.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	2687½	-6½	2.5	
606½	5934	Equity Sante	600	+3½	4.4	10.8
1587	1177½	First Bank 7	1304½	-14½	0.4	
457	292½	General Mat	2975½	-14	9.7	9.4
367½	196	Hambros	361	-1	3.8	
1256½	941	HSBC†	1251	+9	3.8	11.8
1223	930	HSBC HK†	1220	+8½	3.9	11.6
488½	365	Irish Permt	467½	-5	3.1	12.3
177	143	King Shaxson	162½		6.9	14.1
498	405	Lancstd J	455		5.4	16.5
401	294½	Lloyds TSB†	383½	+3	3.8	16.7
653	566	Nat Aust Bk	630½	-5½	7.0	9.0
747	603½	Nat Wstmn†	712	+9	4.7	10.2
67	49½	Rea Brothers	65		6.9	25.5
536	464	Rgl Bk Scot	531½	-8	4.1	11.5
1462½	1185	Schroders†	1456	+17½	1.5	16.9
1172½	880	Schroders NVt	1170	+15	1.9	13.3
134	109½	Smith St Aub	131½	+1	4.1	12.3
729½	547	Standd Chartd	693	+3	2.2	13.5
115½	85½	Union	104½		3.6	11.2
2141½	1613½	Wells Fargo	1967½		2.0	
340	268	Westpac	340	+8½	4.1	10.5
361	308	Yorkshire	346		4.5	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

90	36	Marsh SA Inv	70			59
846½	703	Bass	778	+5	3.7	16.8
70	49	Brk for the Bst	59	-½	3.8	18.0
177	161	Burtonwd Brw	174½	+9	3.9	15.7
736½	92	Cdy Casto Resl	126		3.2	23.7
629	463	Centaur Cp	570½		1.7	22.9
356	190	Chrmngr P A	246½	-4	2.4	22.7
548	413	Fuller Sm A	447½		2.5	15.3
638	546	Greenalls Gp	578	-3	3.2	15.7
214	162	Grt Yarmouth	212	+9	3.5	16.2
385	190	Grosvenor Inns	204	-2	3.6	21.7
259	204	Groupe Chez Gs	249½	+2	1.4	
397	296½	Hardy Heron	337		4.3	11.1
2175	1617½	Hilton	2162½	+15	1.7	19.4
45	34	Ind Nwcastle	44½		10.9	12.4
439½	379½	Luton Wkrnsp	435½	-8½	2.3	23.6
447	347	Mansfield	374	-4	2.4	14.7
563½	391	Regental Tobacco	414	-2	6.8	8.3
363½	315	Weston Thmp	355	-1	3.1	12.1
673	535	Whitbrd	640	-5	3.5	16.2
154	118	Wt. Nands Fountn	148½	-2	3.6	15.5
71	37½	Yorkshire	61	+½	10.4	
116	72½	Young & Co	112½		2.7	26.6
54684½	4031½	Zdcorp	5662½			
382	307½	Close Bros†	327½	-1	3.8	13.2
1575	1318½	Commercial	1446½		4.5	
1350	1086½	Nat Wst Nan YI	1078½	-3½	8.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	2687½	-6½	2.5	
606½	5934	Equity Sante	600	+3½	4.4	10.8
1587	1177½	First Bank 7	1304½	-14½	0.4	
457	292½	General Mat	2975½	-14	9.7	9.4
367½	196	Hambros	361	-1	3.8	
1256½	941	HSBC†	1251	+9	3.8	11.8
1223	930	HSBC HK†	1220	+8½	3.9	11.6
488½	365	Irish Permt	467½	-5	3.1	12.3
177	143	King Shaxson	162½		6.9	14.1
498	405	Lancstd J	455		5.4	16.5
401	294½	Lloyds TSB†	383½	+3	3.8	16.7
653	566	Nat Aust Bk	630½	-5½	7.0	9.0
747	603½	Nat Wstmn†	712	+9	4.7	10.2
67	49½	Rea Brothers	65		6.9	25.5
536	464	Rgl Bk Scot	531½	-8	4.1	11.5
1462½	1185	Schroders†	1456	+17½	1.5	16.9
1172½	880	Schroders NVt	1170	+15	1.9	13.3
134	109½	Smith St Aub	131½	+1	4.1	12.3
729½	547	Standd Chartd	693	+3	2.2	13.5
115½	85½	Union	104½		3.6	11.2
2141½	1613½	Wells Fargo	1967½		2.0	
340	268	Westpac	340	+8½	4.1	10.5
361	308	Yorkshire	346		4.5	17.3

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

33	15	AAF Inds	21½			
2502	1235	Abbey†	1685		3.9	
295	217½	Aiten	284½		3.1	18.4
131	97½	Amec	106	-1	3.6	17.6
3782	117	Amec†	350		2.8	25.7
495½	338	Anderson, Sykes	430	-15	1.6	9.0
1795	1233	Arnold Lwry	1740	+105	1.9	20.1
38	26	Ashtead	34		8.9	7.3
345	24	Bailey (Eben) Con	31		4.2	12.5
96	34	Balcam	52		1.5	
259	219½	Barratt Dev†	259½	+12½	3.9	16.2
213	166	Beazer Homes†	190½	+3	3.9	16.2
349½	249	Bellway	339½	-3	2.9	16.6
21	14½	Bellwinch	19½			
608	483	Berkeley Gp	602	+2	1.8	17.3
177	143	Bett Bros	161½		4.1	14.3
250	175	Bovis (Henry)	239		4.1	9.9
133	91	Brandon Hire	118½		2.6	16.3
30	19	Britannia Gp	27½		7.3	
31	21	Br Bldg & Eng	30			
137	101	Brycent	135	+1	4.6	13.1
108	88	CALA†	100½	-2	4.2	15.0
17	10	Camphill & Arm	10½			8.3
63½	37	Carter T	63½		6.7	
109	39	Chestnut	54½			
87	51	Countryside	71½		4.9	
35	54½	Crest Nicholson	73½		3.4	19.5
88	65½	Cussons	77½	+3	6.3	12.5
220	118	Eer Group	160		0.8	
25	15	Edbrooke	20	-½	6.3	
997½	733	Gleeson (MJ)	865		5.2	16.0
61	32½	Green (Expl)	42½		3.0	
379	265	Hansard Eave	320		1.2	27.4
182	110	Hawtin-Stuart	147	+1	3.7	18.6
102	76	Higgs & Hill	90	+½	4.0	
17½	7½	Howard Mdngs†	17½		9.7	16.1
109	72	Jarvis	94	-5		43.3
188	128	Kellett	182½		3.0	19.1
333	249½	Laing (JM)	270	+11	3.0	
117	97	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	115		7.5	
21	9½	Lovell (TJ)	11	+½		
219	191	Maunders (J)	193½		3.7	12.1
197	128	McAlpine (A)	150		5.8	
101	66	McCarthy & S	98½		3.2	13.3
193½	80	Morgan Vandall	177½	-6	3.5	17.5
197½	122	Morrison Cons	196½		2.7	15.0
96	58½	Mowlem (JH)	93	+1	4.0	14.9
242	173	Persimmon	209		5.7	22.2
115	86	Prestige	113	-2	3.8	
145	91	Pressing	139		3.7	27.4
20	12½	Raine Ind	15			
152	113	Redland	136½	+½	3.0	
66	45	Scapa Group	46		2.7	24.1
383	248	Simon Hdgs†	270½	-1½	2.7	16.3
92	68	Shorcrst	75½		7.3	9.7
378	343	Spandex	359		1.0	20.8
168	115½	Tay Homes	119½			7.7
182	115	Taylor Woodrow	159	-2	3.2	17.5
308	199	Tilbury Douglas	297½		5.5	14.9
16½	10½	Try Group	14½			
103	74	Vibroplant	77		6.6	
112½	65	Wantbornes	109½	-½	5.1	68.5
53	38	Ward Hdgs	49½		3.1	10.8
232½	170	Wates City	230½		3.3	20.8
59½	41	Westgate	56			36.4
190	152½	Wilson (Con)	157	+½	3.6	21.8
473	354	Wilson Bowden	454½	+7½	2.8	21.4
160	125	Wimpey (G)	139½	+½	5.1	30.4

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15	5½	Ashlghtn#	6			
398½	284	BPB Ind	372½	-6½	3.3	18.5
124	97	Buggerige Ba	114½		3.4	22.0
42	31	Bullers	39½	+½	7.2	14.9
40½	32	Caradon	37½		4.0	20.5
130	103	Cr Dregganp	127		3.9	20.6
615	452	CRH	555	+1½	1.6	17.6
98	72	Calednnd Rbrt	90		6.2	11.4
172	143	Cmnt	152½		9.0	
1287	1042	Cmnt Inf	1252½	-3	4.1	17.9
177	106	Cookson Gp	176	+1	4.2	9.7
100	79	Chrtton, Gr	92½			6.8
36	24	Dwson Hldg	31		4.5	8.1
1250	1000	Enrmt	1200		3.0	16.2
1862	1214	Flare	1462		1.6	15.3
95	61	Gibbs & Dandy	83		5.5	8.5
208	124	Graham Gp	141		5.1	26.0
2628	2087	Hanson Plc	2487½	-6	3.2	14.9
251	202	Hepworth	201½	-2	5.3	14.3
66	46	Howarth Gp	63		5.0	14.2
316	215	Ibstock Johns	248½		4.0	17.9
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TI doubles size of polymer operation with Swedish deal

BY PAUL DURMAN

TI GROUP is doubling the size of its polymer engineering business through the £189 million acquisition of Forsheda, a quoted Swedish company.

The move will give TI a £300 million a year business making the polymer seals used in a wide range of industrial applications.

Forsheda, which has 1,250 employees in 13 countries, is a leading supplier of the seals used to secure concrete construction pipes. The technical expertise involved produces healthy profit margins: last year Forsheda made a pre-tax profit of Kr224.4 million (£21.6 million) from sales of Kr1.4 billion (£134.6 million).

TI is offering cash for Forsheda's shares. It has already secured acceptances from the Agora Group, a family-run business that owns 20.6 per cent of Forsheda's shares and controls nearly two thirds of the votes. TI is offering Kr225 (£21.65) for each of the B shares in Forsheda. This is almost 40 per cent higher than the price at which they traded prior to last week's suspension of share dealings. TI is paying Kr247.50 for the higher-voting A shares, which are all held by Agora.

Sir Christopher Lewinton, TI's chairman, described the deal as a major bolt-on. He said Forsheda was entirely complementary to the group's existing polymer business, which serves different market niches, including the defence industry.

TI will give Forsheda global distribution through its network of 1,000 sales and service engineers. The British company hopes Forsheda will enable it to increase sales in Scandinavia and the Baltic countries.

The Forsheda management team, headed by Sonny Lindquist, chief executive, is set to join TI and its John Crane arm. TI has still to decide how to combine Forsheda's operations with those of the Crane polymer business. Shares of TI, which expects the acquisition of Forsheda to produce a modest increase in earnings next year, closed 2p higher at 572p.

Forsheda is said to have a good name in its markets. Its other brands include Stefa and Skega. Although it has a growing American business, more than 80 per cent of the company's sales are in Europe. A quarter of sales are to the automotive industry.

In the first half of this year, Forsheda made a pre-tax profit of £8.1 million. At the start of the year it had net assets of £51.9 million.

TI acquired the Crane polymer engineering business when it took over Dowty four years ago. The Forsheda deal brings to £240 million the amount TI has spent on bolt-on acquisitions this year.

ROBIN MAYES



John Padfield says Chiroscience is seeking partners to help develop its arthritis, cancer and asthma treatments

Chiroscience in talks on alliances

CHIROSCIENCE, the biotechnology company that launched its first product in June, said it is in talks with leading pharmaceuticals companies about potential alliances and expects to announce new partnerships within six months (Eric Reguly writes).

John Padfield, chief executive, said the company needs partners to help it develop its arthritis, cancer and asthma treatments. Typically, a partner is a large drugs company that funds clinical trials of a compound. In exchange, the biotech company receives royalties later.

Dr Padfield would not reveal the identities of the potential new partners. In the past, it has struck deals with Medeva, BASF/Knoll and sells Enanytum, a pain killer, in Spain with Eli Lilly of America.

Chiroscience reported an increased operating loss of £8.3 million in the half-year to August 31 (£7.3 million loss), due to more research spending. The company has £47 million in cash and expects to break even by 2000.

The shares rose 13½p to 407½p.

Chinese set for listing in London

BY OUR CITY STAFF

CHINESE companies could soon be listed on the London Stock Exchange after an agreement on securities and futures information was signed yesterday — the first of its kind in Europe.

The two Chinese exchanges, in Shanghai and Shenzen, are now able to offer companies direct access to London's market.

The agreement comes after months of negotiations and was signed by officials from China and the UK. Ian Salter, Stock Exchange deputy chairman, said the historic move would cement London's status as "the world's leading exchange for international listings".

He added: "China is one of the world's major economies and is expected to continue to expand rapidly over the next couple of decades.

"As the first European exchange to sign an agreement with the Chinese authorities, London will be uniquely able to attract Chinese companies looking to raise international capital in the European time zone."

Mr Salter said that there had been considerable interest from Chinese companies.

Tay Homes profits fall to £1.09m as sales dip

BY MARTIN BARROW

TAY HOMES, the housebuilder based in Leeds, suffered a sharp downturn in pre-tax profits to £1.09 million from £7.06 million in the year to June 30.

Profitability was affected by continued downward pressure on volumes and margins last year, the company said. Turnover fell £8 million to £110 million and the number of houses sold fell by 167 to 1,392. But average selling prices rose to £75,800 from £71,700.

Part-exchange facilities were provided on a high proportion of homes sold and total group borrowings increased to £30.3 million from £21.8 million. Higher investment in site development and the cost of part-exchange deals lifted interest costs to £2.9 million from £2.4 million.

Earnings fell to 2.4p a share (15.9p). The total dividend is maintained at 7p a share, even though it is uncovered by earnings, with a final dividend of 5.45p due November 25. The shares were unchanged at 119½p yesterday.

Trevor Spencer, chairman, said the housing market during 1995 and early 1996 experienced the worst conditions in 30 years. "We are slowly but clearly emerging from this difficult period and, while achieving sales is still a competitive activity, units sold are currently 35 per cent ahead of last year," he said.

Weakened land prices strengthened in autumn 1995. The increase in demand has affected Tay's ability to replenish its land bank, with 4,000 plots currently available compared with 4,250 previously.

Italy to sell tranche of 700m ENI shares

BY ERIC REGULY

THE Italian government launched the largest secondary offering of the year yesterday, announcing that it would sell 700 million shares of ENI, Italy's largest energy and chemicals group and one of the 10 biggest companies in Europe. At current prices, the new issue would be worth about $3.4 billion.

The 700 million shares are equivalent to 8.75 per cent of ENI's capital; and a "green shoe" option of 105 million shares, if exercised, would raise the total sale to about 10 per cent. The Treasury started ENI's privatisation last year by selling 15 per cent of the company at L5,250 a share. The shares reached a 52-week high of L8,000 and closed last week at L7,300 (about £3).

The price of the new ENI shares will be decided on October 26 and revealed the next day. About 300 million of the 700 million shares are earmarked for retail investors in Italy. Italian and international institutions are being offering 235 million shares.

The share sale is exceeded in size this year only by the initial public offering of Deutsche Telekom. The German government intends to raise about DM15 million next month by selling 500 million shares in the phone company.

The Italian government said another ENI tranche could be sold within the next nine months if the issue's global co-ordinators sensed it would not harm the share price. With only 15 per cent of ENI shares in public hands so far, the market can expect more secondary offerings.

Geo's Israeli troops have listing on AIM in their sights

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A GROUP of elite Israeli soldiers is proposing to secure a share listing for an Internet business on London's Alternative Investment Market.

Geo Interactive Media, the group's computer company, has launched a £10 million AIM placing to fund the marketing of new software. "Emblaze" is said to be the first data compressor which can transmit text, sound and picture sequences in real time. With a price tag of $1,000 it will make video conferencing on the internet commonly available.

The Emblaze technology has already been developed by Geo; the capital raised is intended for marketing. The company, an offshoot of the Israel Defence Forces, will float 10 per cent of its equity and may seek a full listing next year.

Niels Bryan-Low, an Internet consultant from Proteus Web, said: "Geo has a product and a team of programmers that is capable of making a real splash on the international software market."

Geo was founded two years ago by Naftali Shani, now chief executive, and controller of the Israeli Prime Minister's office from 1979-89. He said: "This is even more exciting than being at the forefront of Israeli politics. Emblaze allows full communication on the Internet without any kind of delay." Geo's key strength is its close link with the Israeli military, one of the world's leading developers of computer technology. Eighty per cent of its staff are former programmers of military simulators; some have combat experience.

The company produces its software using a system called the "closed loop". This work-share system, invented by the Israeli armed forces, means that employees are confined to the programming room until they have finished a set task.

The average age of Geo's employees is 22½ years. The company continually recruits new soldier programmers through staff members returning to the military programming unit for their compulsory 30-day reserve duty every year. "We get to look at the new guys for a months and then we hire the best," Mr Shani said. "It's a gift."

The main reason for raising capital in London rather than America is speed of access, according to the company. A listing on AIM can be obtained in half the time it would take to become a Nasdaq company in New York.



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Extra Income #	46 56	50 19†	+ 0.31	8.45
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Fixed Interest #	25 65	26 69	+ 0.02	8.09
Fund Inv Tst	153 60	161 10†	+ 0.60	9.53
Japan	179.30	195.30	+ 0.70	...
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UK Growth	54 68	57 61†	+ 0.46	2.04
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Conv & Gen #	70.62	75.13†	+ 0.04	5.26
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Gilt	513.10	564.80†	- 0.60	2.06
General	332.30	355.80†	+ 3.00	2.46
Property	245.60	263.50		5.20
Trustee	222.30	248.40	+ 2.40	2.30
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Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†	+ 0.10	5.11
Distribution Fund	114.60	115.10†	+ 0.70	5.98
Extra Income #	137 90	147 90†	+ 1.10	4.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	59 49	63 68†	+ 0.16	6.24
Income #	588.50	641 10	+ 6.00	4.53
Income Builder #	70.05	74.72†	+ 0.59	5.27
Intl Income	72 58	77.21	+ 0.75	2.60
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	145.00	155.10	+ 1.90	1.98
FTSE 100	103.30	110.20	+ 1.40	2.58
Income	169.10	180.60	+ 0.90	6.73
Recovery	504.80	539.60	+ 4.80	2.62
Smlr Cos Inc	59.10	63.38	+ 0.76	3.29
Special Sits	401.90	430.70	+ 2.70	1.31
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	178.30	189.30	+ 2.60	0.40
F East Gwth Acc	269.50	310.10	+ 4.10	2.02
Far East Gwth	173.70	185.40	+ 2.40	2.02
Euro Gwth Inc	199.20	211.50†	+ 3.00	0.43
- do - Accum	276.60	293.60	+ 3.20	0.43
Japan	148.30	157.00	+ 0.10	...
- do - Accum	150.50	159.80	+ 0.10	...
Japan Spec Sits	69.30	73.61	+ 0.02	...
Worldwide	203.30	215.80	+ 2.20	0.45

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1000

American Growth	139.40	146.10	+ 1.90	...
Amer Smlr Cos	175.40	186.00	- 0.50	...
Convertibles	60.65	64.96‡	+ 0.44	4.60
Eastern	302.40	324.20	+ 0.60	0.34
Equity Income #	100.90	108.00	+ 1.20	4.20
European Growth	370.90	394.10	+ 3.80	0.83
Europe	366.70	393.10	+ 1.30	0.80
German Growth	90.63	96.10	+ 0.61	0.50
Global Bond	72.64	76.42	+ 0.57	5.30
Global Growth	150.30	158.90	+ 1.20	0.40
Japan Growth	194.60	207.10	- 1.10	...
Japan Smaller	162.10	168.50	+ 1.30	...
Japan Trust	63.62	67.78	- 0.03	...
Pacific	148.60	158.90‡	- 0.90	2.00
- do - Accum	291.70	301.20	- 1.80	2.00
UK Growth	107.50	115.30	+ 1.20	2.62
UK Smaller Cos	99.64	107.90	+ 0.30	1.46
Special Managers	90.95	97.55	- 0.37	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3300

Intl Cash Pmt Inc	91 60	97 45		
Special Oppor Inc	64 27	68 19		

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
0141 223 6000

Balanced Growth	143.84	152.27†	+ 1.55	1.40
- do - Accum	167 44	177 19	+ 1.80	1.40
Smaller Cos	152.31	161 18	+ 2.53	0.68
Higher Yield #	57.95	61.31‡	+ 0.64	4.08
American Gth Inc	105.76	111.91	+ 2.01	...
European Growth	170.58	180.52†	+ 2.06	...
- do - Accum	174.05	184.14	+ 2.10	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.73	27.70	+ 0.05	4.52
Mngd Philo Inc	91.56	96.99†	+ 0.91	1.03
- do - Accum	96.53	98.73	+ 0.21	1.40
Int Sterl Distr	159.60	179.51	+ 0.90	...
Pacific Gth	144.10	152.46	+ 0.23	...
UK General #	97.61	103.29	+ 0.91	2.77
- do - Accum #	104.43	110.51	+ 0.97	2.77
Japan	58.76	61.70	+ 0.06	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	130.06	165.76†	+ 0.46	6.26

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CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Eastern	199.90	204 10	+ 0.40	1.73
UK Growth	216.50	227.90	+ 1.40	1.96
UK Income	149.70	157.60†	+ 1.40	4.39

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 632 100

Can Gen Dist	249.20	254.60	+ 2.20	1.56
- do - Income Dist	174.40	178.20	+ 1.40	3.64
- do - Accum	415.60	449.40	+ 4.60	3.64
Gilt & Fxd Int	41 49	43 61	+ 0.16	6.24
Growth Units	260 10	279.60†	+ 2.90	1.00
Bond	127.90	187.10†	+ 1.10	6.90
Intl Growth	251.10	262.20	+ 1.20	0.18
North American	267.10	285.60	+ 3.30	0.15
Far East	359.50	384.00	+ 0.80	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	204.20	220.80	+ 0.80	0.97
Eurogen	99.54	105.40	+ 1.90	0.61
Japanese Growth	46.29	49.17		
High Income	221.40	236.60†	+ 2.30	4.73

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	225.40	239.50†		
European Inc	96.32	102.63†	+ 0.14	0.47
Smaller Cos (A+I)	109.80	116.80†	+ 0.10	1.51
Growth	552.70	588.00†	- 0.20	1.77
Income & Growth #	650.90	692.40	- 1.00	3.65
- do - Accum #	696.60	741.10	- 1.70	3.65
Japan & Gen	66.36	70.57	- 0.03	...
Money Portfolio	6124.89	6155.97†	- 10.00	1.89
- do - Accum	6150.69	6155.74	- 10.00	1.89
Special Sits	129.50	137.80		1.79
High Yield	515.08	515.55	+ 4.00	4.26

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0706

Cazenove Portfolio	107.70	110.70	+ 0.71	2.31
Americas Portfolio	126.60	134.84	+ 0.84	0.77
European Portfolio	138.25	147.15†	+ 0.62	0.56
High Income	52.02	53.14	+ 0.24	6.91
Japanese Portfolio	67 63	71.93	+ 0.13	...
Pacific Portfolio	158.73	171.76	+ 0.52	1.39
Uk Equity	98.28	105.17†	+ 0.59	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	59.20	62.74	+ 0.44	6.08

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0171 598 1815

Inv Fund	776 18	788.13		4.24
Fxd Int Sec	155.85	156.47		9.14

CGF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	774 60	786 58		4.23
Investment Acc	135.72	138.26		...
Fixed Int Inc	126 69	127.19		9.12
Fixed Int Acc	230.87	231.76		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5999

Exchange Intl	90.32	95.32†		3.01
Exch Blo-Tech	46.57	50.26		
Acorn Ethical Tst	100.27	102.80		0.43
City Fin Assets	82.68	86.62†	+ 4.56	1.51
City Fin America	111.63	117.25		9.12
City Fin Intl	93.86	98.58		0.43
City Fin Japan	142.80	149.85		
Fixtrs Fxd Cap	331.72	352.99†	+ 5.96	2.40
Exchfax Yield Gnth	145.64	154.38†		
2 Sht Inc/Gth Inc	56.62	59.46		3.24
Share Utilities	57 47	58.62	+ 0.12	6.21

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300
Emerging Markets 97.62 97.35 + 0.12

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
03457 772 233

American Growth	83.25	88.56	+ 1.02	...
Dayton Growth	72.56	77.59	+ 0.01	0.45
Equity High Inc	90 48	96.93†	+ 0.80	4.04
- do - Accum	130.86	140.30	+ 1.31	4.04
Extra Income Inc	26.52	28.04†	+ 0.11	7.26
Extra Income Acc	29.30	30.86	+ 0.13	7.26
European Growth	64 94	68.90	+ 0.66	0.82
Evergreen	32.31	34.55	+ 0.17	...
General Equity	106.31	112.80	+ 1.04	2.83
Japan Growth	48.96	52.08	+ 0.01	...
Pentgrow Gwth	65.85	70.05	+ 0.66	2.24
Pref Sm Cos Inc	38.94	41.11	+ 0.03	1.50
- do - Accum	40 94	43.56	+ 0.07	1.50
Retirement Inc #	28.15	29.95	+ 0.24	5.69
Special Sits	47 61	50.66	+ 0.25	2.35
UK & Overseas	60.87	64.95	+ 0.53	0.71

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 898 000

Balanced	70.78	73.72	+ 0.65	4.10
Capital	64 92	68.45	+ 0.56	3.69
High Income	52.87	54.86	+ 0.32	6.62
Top 50	57.36	59.74	+ 0.55	2.56

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	195.24	203.37†	+ 1.00	4.52
Long Gilt	43.70	45.49†	+ 0.29	6.05
Monthly Inc Plus	50.27	52.30	+ 0.24	6.91
Preference Share	47 10	49.06†	+ 0.27	7.95
Managed Funds				
High Yield	142.41	149.34†	+ 0.85	5.75
Managed Fund	78 43	81.70†	+ 0.46	2.66
Uk Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.62	55.85	- 0.10	1.70
Special Sits	63.38	66.02	+ 0.11	1.70
- do - Accum	63.38	66.02	+ 0.11	1.70
Uk & General	99.07	103.20†	+ 0.91	2.67
- do - Accum	130.30	135.73†	+ 1.20	2.67
Uk Growth	198.10	207.40	+ 1.39	1.35
International Growth Funds				
Europa Growth	215.80	224.79	+ 1.86	0.64
Far Eastern Gth	138.01	143.76	+ 0.06	0.02
Global Bond	89.76	84.13†	+ 0.33	5.89
Japan Growth	111.75	116.41	+ 0.43	...
North Amer Gth	244.01	254.18	+ 3.07	...
Oriental Growth	85.85	89.22	- 0.04	0.26
Worldwide Growth	75.18	78.31	+ 0.45	...
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91 49	91 49†	+ 0.03	5.11
Hunterwatch Fund	93.27	99.22	+ 0.56	1.52
Dealer Fund	169.57	169.76	+ 1.70	1.88

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 402 5966
Consistent UT 36.09 38 60 4.30

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
(0800 526 356

Growth	181 70	193.30	+ 0.70	1.93
Income	73.82	78.53	+ 0.61	4.62
European	76.39	81 69	+ 0.56	1.15
Recovery	191 90	204.20	+ 1.30	2.52

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 393 9494
Equity Dist 955.30 1011 30 3.38

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

Fellowship Tst	112.00	119.10†	+ 0.50	1.15
Income #	285.60	314.60	+ 2.40	4.02
- do - Accum #	774.00	823.40	+ 6.20	4.02
Smaller Cos	238.70	253.90	+ 0.40	0.65
- do - Accum	296.30	315.20	+ 0.40	0.65
Gth Portfolio	104.30	110.90	+ 0.70	1.28
High Inc Port #	84.98	90.40	+ 0.66	4.20

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1624

Euro Small Cos	1693.80	1732.80		
Japan Small Cos	1195.30	1215.80		0.01
UK Small Cos	2216.80	2313.00		2.68
US Small Cos	2157.30	2251.10		0.83

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 6818

Disc Inc	232.80	245 00		3.05

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 595

UK Balanced Inc	175.50	186.70	+ 1.80	1.73
UK High Inc Inc	183.30	195.00	+ 2.00	3.65
- do - Accum	247.80	263.30	+ 2.70	3.65
UK Prel & Fl Inc	80.44	84.13	+ 0.42	5.77
Exempt Opps	98.74	108.16	+ 0.60	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	70.98	75.09	+ 0.44	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.83	53.11	+ 0.34	7.80

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 585

American	180.50	191 00	+ 1.70	0.42
Convertibles #	23.28	24.74†	+ 0.05	5.65
Equity Income #	144.50	154.60†	+ 1.00	3.88
Euro Fund	65 09	68.85	+ 0.48	0.58
Financial	57 13	60.70†	+ 0.03	1.65
Growth & Inc #	135.73	145.41	+ 0.90	4.13
High Dist #	104 10	109.60	+ 1.40	4.04
International	144 70	472.50	- 0.60	0.11
Inv Cap Inc	105.80	113.00†	+ 0.80	2.39
Latin American	34 10	36.22		
Pacific	82 42	87.57‡	- 0.20	
Prel High Inc	22.35	23.76‡	+ 0.08	7.58
Tokyo	200.00	282.80†	- 0.20	
UK Smaller Cos	358.50	374.70	+ 1.10	1.09
Recovery				
Extra Income	64.66	68.71	+ 0.46	3.83
European Opps	85.77	88.01	+ 0.54	0.63
Global Prop	31.28	33.26	+ 0.22	0.34
UK Growth	122.28	132.28	- 1.10	1.68
Growth & Inc	180.40	197.50	+ 1.60	2.71
Intl PEP	49.56	51.95	+ 0.51	1.05
Japan Spec Sits	88.75	94.29	- 0.20	
Japan	176.50	187.20	- 0.40	
Dualcapital Inc	365.40	384.40	+ 4.00	0.49
Moneyextra	64.58	67.94	+ 0.33	
Recovery	62.62	66.67	- 0.04	1.80
Smlr Cos	195.90	199.40†	+ 1.50	0.97
Special Sits	751.30	777.60†	+ 3.10	0.57
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Unit	116.07	116.07	+ 0.04	5.20

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700

Balanced #	153.10	165.60†		1.54
Fleming Pfl Inc #	97.11	98.39†	+ 0.63	2.91
Cap Plotter	168.40	177.86	+ 1.50	0.84
Fleming Opps	147.10	149.50		3.92
Growth Inc	38.58	38.98	+ 0.29	0.63
Private Portfolio	497.30	525.00†		0.67

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Val 01277 690 350

Euro Small Cos	154.30	164.70	+ 0.50	0.38
Emrg Assm	39.70	350.90†	+ 1.30	
High Income	21.54	22.89†	+ 0.17	9.83
UK Income	175.90	179.60	+ 1.00	4.00
US Smaller Cos	442.70	471.50†	+ 2.60	

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FRANKLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq (0171 930 6900 Dealing 0345 725511

American Growth	92.95	97.95		
- do - Accum	92.65	97.65		
Amer Smlr Cos	780.85	781 60‡		
- do - Accum	746 80	796.30‡		1.50
Capital Fd	480 60	525.50‡		1.56
- do - Accum	567 60	625.10‡		1.56
Cont Smlr Cos	92.12	96.17		1.09
- do - Accum	66 00	70 40		1.09
Comestible	142.80	151 90		5.80
- do - Accum	368.20	378.90		5.80
Emerging Markets	68.45	73.13		0.30
- do - Accum	68.80	73.38		0.30
Europcon	153.10	162.20		0.50
Extra Income	162.20	171 60		0.50
Extra Income	395 90	418.05		4.45
Financial	625 60	666.50		4.45
Financial	170.10	180.50		0.46
- do - Accum	169.20	201 30		0.45
Gilt Trust	63.85	65.64‡		6.79
- do - Accum	98 99	102.00‡		6.79
Health Fund Inc	370 50	389.00		
- do - Accum	370 50	388.90		
Income & Growth	334.20	349.70		3.61
- do - Accum	371.80	395.50		3.61
Intl Growth	449.00	478.00		
- do - Accum	498.60	530.70		
Japan & Gen	168.30	180.00		
- do - Accum	171.00	181.80		
Monthly Inc #	198.10	210.70‡		4.48
- do - Accum #	198.50	215.20‡	+ 1.50	4.36
Managed Fund Inc	124.80	130.50		1.37
- do - Accum	124.70	141.80		1.37
Monthly Income #	66.68	71.51‡		4.91
- do - Accum #	66.68	71.51‡		4.91
Recovery	366.60	380.30		
- do - Accum	418.80	439.00		
UK Growth	67.20	71.50‡		2.76
- do - Accum	72.97	77.63		2.76

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715655 Enq 01722 715854

FP American	63.43	67 64	+ 0.06	0.28
FP Am Smlr Cos	217.40	231 60	+ 2.00	...
FP Asian Growth	385.70	304 70	+ 0.30	...
FP Assertion	430.00	458.00†	+ 3.80	...
FP Equity Dist	468.70	500.10†	+ 4.60	2.38
FP Eur Gth	618.15	711 03	+ 11.00	2.35
FP Euro Gth	295.00	314.60	+ 4.10	...
FP Extra Inc	322.60	344 10	+ 4.60	...
FP Intl Bond	68.20	63.10‡†	+ 0.37	4.41
FP Intl Gth Dist	39 14	41 74	+ 0.36	0.09
FP Inv Inc	57 14	60.94	+ 0.52	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	232.80	237 60	+ 0.40	...
FP Income #	60.58	64 61	+ 0.56	5.02
FP Japan Gth	211 70	225.80†	+ 2.50	5.02
FP Jap Smlr Cos	299.20	319.10	- 0.30	...
FP Monthly Dvd #	76 56	81 66†	+ 0.54	5.04
FP Sty Deposit	100.00	100.00		5.05
FP Tokyo	89.99	95.99†	- 0.06	...
FP Uk Focus	43.19	46.05	+ 0.54	1.96
FP Uk Growth	204 40	218.00	+ 2.70	2.13
- do - Accum	411 90	439.30	+ 5.20	2.13
Shareholder Dist	435.70	464.70	+ 0.80	1.35
Shareholder Inc	385.30	411.00	+ 0.70	1.35
Shareslav Inc Dist #	82.21	87 69‡	+ 0.25	4.63
- do - Accum #	112.50	119.90	+ 0.40	4.63
M Am Shlsv Dist	137.70	146.80	+ 1.50	0.20
- do - Accum	141 40	150.80	+ 1.50	0.20

FP Managed Portfolio Service

Capital Gwth Acc	130.00	138.20	- 0.70	1.57
Opps Cap Gth Acc	133.20	141 60	- 0.10	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	133.20	141 60	- 0.10	0.21
Opp Cap Gth Acc #	127 60	135 90	- 0.40	3.28
Opp Cp Gth Inc Inc #	122.30	130.10‡		3.03
Opp Cp Gth Inc Acc #	130.60	138 90	- 0.10	3.03

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421
UK Growth Funds

British Growth	82.42	86.73‡	+ 0.83	1.74
Cash Trust	148.39	146.39	+ 0.04	5.16
Practical Inv Inc #	124.83	133.51	+ 0.69	3.69
- do - Accum #	242.00	252.95	+ 1.30	3.69
Uk Index	182.93	183.85	+ 1.82	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	200.73	214 69‡	+ 0.65	0.54
Income Funds				
Extra Yield



■ VISUAL ART 1

Milord goes to Italy: the Tate offers a sumptuous parade of painting created on the Grand Tour



■ VISUAL ART 2

The world of dreams is brought into the light in Marina Warner's *Inner Eye* show

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■ VISUAL ART 3

Designs on the Twenties: the prolific career of Albert Rutherston is revisited



■ VISUAL ART 4

. . . and the tangled and anguished art of Leslie Hurry is also revived in London

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on the Tate Gallery's celebration of Grand Tour paintings. Plus other shows

Dear all, having a grand time

Those who despair of tourism in Italy today, noisily turning Renaissance cities into an overcrowded hell, will find wry amusement in Thomas Patch's painting *The Golden Asses*. The year is 1761, and the British nobility's Grand Tour of the Italian past is in full swing. But none of the bewigged and powdered dignitaries assembled in this *sumptuously frescoed hall* bothers to look at the treasures on display. They drink and gossip, presided over by the gleeful Patch bestriding a donkey posed as an antique sculpture. And on the plinth below, an inscription from Machiavelli warns us not to "approach this rough and obstinate herd . . . for everyone very well knows that the first thing they do . . . is to let out a couple of kicks and two farts".

Patch himself, who had *been expelled from Rome six* years earlier for a homosexual indiscretion, thrived on caricaturing the Grand Tourists at his new base in Florence. Far from feeling insulted, many of them were beguiled by his outrageous burlesque. They must have recognised that, among the well-to-do who increasingly saw Italian travel as an essential part of their education, a significant number ignored the Renaissance and indulged in Mediterranean pleasures of a more asinine variety.

For others, though, the Grand Tour was a great deal more than a drunken finishing school. What started out in the 17th century as a search for *influential contacts* and wider political understanding had become, 100 years later, a more aesthetic adventure. As the Tate Gallery's major autumn exhibition discloses, painting, sculpture and architecture were the true focus of those genuinely pursuing cultural enlightenment. They journeyed south with expectations shaped by Claude, Canaletto and Salvator Rosa, whose idealised landscapes were already keenly collected.

Claude, the most sought-after by British connoisseurs, offered an especially bewitching vision. His *Pastoral Landscape with the Ponte Molle*, purchased by the 2nd Earl of Ashburnham in 1760, provides *an irresistibly tender and sensuous* image of the graceful bridge over the Tiber, balanced on the other side by a round tower and farm buildings. Classical figures punctuate the foreground, where a young woman gently holds the paw of a dog standing on its hind legs. While surprisingly faithful to a specific stretch of countryside near Rome, the entire painting glows with the enchantment of paradise.

No wonder the gentry hurried to test the Claudian dream against reality. They often celebrated their arrival by commissioning lordly portraits from the most sought-after artists of the day. Although Thomas Dundas was by no means the most extravagant of collectors, he asked the fashionable Roman painter Pompeo Batoni to depict him full-length in 1764. Swaggeringly arrayed in scarlet and gold, he rests a proprietorial foot on a fountain sculpture derived from Bernini's *tour de force in the* Piazza Navona. His left hand thrusts out suggestively towards the groin of the Vatican Ariadne, one of the most admired antique carvings in Rome. And the other classical statues ranged behind him, including the Apollo Belvedere and the anguished Laocoon, are posed like prized items from his own collection.

The truth is, of course, that Dundas could never have acquired them: cultivated cardinals made sure that all the outstanding antique sculpture ended up in the Pope's capacious galleries.

But the Milordi, as the British Grand Tourists were nicknamed in Italy, secured some remarkable coups in Renaissance art. Zoffany's astonishingly skilful painting of the Tribuna at the Uffizi, crammed with cosmopolitan connoisseurs peering at Titian's Venus of Urbino and related marvels, is partly intended to laud his own role as an adviser, securing key paintings for aristocratic patrons. He included himself on the left, brandishing a superb Madonna and Child by Raphael and directing a fawning glance at its gratified owner, Lord Cowper. In this instance, love of art seems to be the collector's paramount concern. Over on the other side of the Tribuna, though, a notably lascivious group ogles the charms of the Venus de'Medici.

Despite their prodigious spending power, British buyers did not always secure the treasures they wanted. Hugh Douglas Hamilton's suave pastel shows Canova in his studio, standing with mallet in hand next to a plaster model for his celebrated *Cupid and Psyche*. The dealer Henry Tresham, both awed and frankly covetous, gazes at the sculpture in the belief that the carved version would soon be bought by his client, Colonel John Campbell. But political events in revolutionary France decreed that it was confiscated by Murat and acquired by the Louvre.

The tourists vied with each other to witness the eruption of Vesuvius, the most spectacular and sublime sight that Italy afforded. Night was the favoured time for painters of the event, who revelled in the arresting contrast between the boiling red lava and the moon's icy illumination.

The little-known Pierre-Jacques Volaire produced the largest and most shameless image of the scene, a melodramatic affair showing the flames and lava flow irradiating the darkness. The tiny silhouetted figures of spectators, reminiscent of the full-blown Romantic viewers painted by Friedrich half a century later, gesticulate in front of the apocalyptic panorama.

But Volaire's canvas seems a crude and sensationalist drop-curtain when compared with Wright of Derby's eruption. Here the heat and glare of the exploding fire have a genuinely end-of-the-world force, encircled by scorched clouds and set against the weird stillness of the moonlit Bay of Naples beyond. Unlike Volaire, whose spectators are manifestly tourists, Wright ensures that his mournful figures are dressed in classical robes and carry a naked victim away from the inferno.

The Neapolitan scene also offered other, less theatrical artists quieter satisfactions. Some of the most potent images in the Tate show are by that remarkable Welsh painter Thomas Jones, whose second stay in Naples yielded a wonderfully original sequence of oil studies. Small, unassuming and yet constructed with a grandeur worthy of Corot and Cézanne, these images herald the fascination with open-air painting that would transform *the course of 19th-century art.* Working on a flat roof above his apartment, Jones simplified his subjects with a lucidity and toughness matched only by Pierre-Henri de Valenciennes, whose contemporaneous oil sketches of a Roman rooftop are equally spare and limpid.

On the whole, though, the Milordi favoured unashamed showpieces. The 4th Duke of Bedford purchased Canaletto's elaborate paintings of the State Barge and Regatta, both enlivening Venetian waterways with their festive opulence. Their sheer popularity led Canaletto to be overwhelmed by incessant demands for the same views.

At its most scholarly, the British passion for antiquity led to the permanent enrichment of our national collections. Charles Townley's devotion to classical art led *him to assemble a legendary* collection, purchased after his death in 1805 by the British Museum. Zoffany's typically adroit painting shows the indefatigable Townley savouring his Westminster library, hemmed in by a claustrophobic profusion of marbles. Some, like the delicate head of Marcus Aurelius, are attractive images. But others have subsequently been demoted as Roman copies of Hellenistic originals. Far too many expensive purchases of excavated statuary turned out to be dubious prizes.

All the same, the Grand Tour also stimulated energies far more innovative than antiquarianism. Around 1798, the young Turner was commissioned by Sir Richard Colt Hoare to paint *Lake Avernus: Aeneas and the Sibyl*. The result, suffused with nostalgia for an irrecoverable golden age, sums up one side of the British passion for Italy. But Turner's luminous painting also marks the beginning of his own obsession with the Italian landscape, and it would culminate in canvases so visionary and dynamic that European painting would never be the same again.

● Grand Tour, *sponsored by Prudential, is at the Tate Gallery (0171-887 8000) until Jan 5*



Vesuvius in Eruption (1776-80): Joseph Wright of Derby's version of the most spectacular and sublime sight that Italy afforded the Grand Tourists

AROUND THE GALLERIES

IF YOU happen to be possessed of a famous name in the arts, it is always a moot point whether to flaunt it or to assume another name. This does not seem to have bothered Albert Rothenstein, youngest brother of William, early in his career, though during the First World War, he changed his name to **Albert Rutherston** *and was posted to the Near East. As Rutherston he found a niche in the 1920s with illustrations and stage designs in a modishly spare, linear style. In the 1940s he had a late flowering as an oil painter, but his best work was in the decorative arts. There are a few oils at the Sally Hunter show, but it is in the book illustrations and theatre designs that Rutherston shines most brightly.*
Sally Hunter Fine Art, 11 Halkin Arcade, SW1 (0171-235 0934) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, until Oct 25.

● LESLIE HURRY is another artist who has remained in the shade because his most brilliant work was for the theatre. Hurry began in the 1930s as a landscape painter, and moved rapidly towards the dream-haunted style of the Neo-Romantics. In 1941 Robert Helpmann asked him to design his ballet version of *Hamlet*. Subsequently he designed everything from *Tamburlaine* to *Turandot*, and managed to introduce the troubled subconscious even into Petipa's ballets. By the early 1960s he was heading towards abstraction, and in 1966 he emigrated to Canada. Unfortunately he was rapidly forgotten in his native England. Now would seem to be *the time for revival*, and a start is made at Marina Henderson with a choice retrospective of Hurry's theatrical designs.
Marina Henderson, 11 Langton Street, SW10 (0171-352 1667) Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, until Oct 26.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Ghoulies, ghosties and angels above

Isabel Carlisle drifts through dreams and fantasies in the Hayward's touring exhibition

Psychologists tell us that artists are more in touch with the inner world that lies between fantasy and normality than any of us. Nowthe writer and critic Marina Warner, better known for her 1994 Reith Lectures on "Managing Monsters" than as an *exhibitions curator, has* taken the intermediary role of artists as the basis of **The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible.**

She has chosen works of Western European art from national collections such as the British Museum and the Fitzwilliam in Cambridge to explore the world of dreams and fantasies made visible. Some images are very little known, some are ephemeral, all of them are powerful and *thought-provoking.*

Warner's message is that we need to hold on to this legacy of visual symbols or it will be lost, and we shall be the poorer for it. Contemporary culture, with its rapid turnover of pictures through the media, threatens to supplant *this* widely understood language of the imagination that connects us with our distant past.

Our first taste of the fantastic is to be encouraged to take off our own shoes and stand in contemporary artist Marina Abramovic's amethyst *Shoes for Departure*. Faintly mauve in colour, they are carved in the shape of amethyst crystals, and their coolness is the steadying antidote to any overheating of the imagination that might follow. *The presiding* genius of the show is Dante, and the route through *the sections — "Through" (contacting* the invisible), "Between" (elves, fairies and dragons), "Within" (symbols of human passions), "Below" (hell and demons) and "Above" (heaven and angels) — echoes the *Divine Comedy.*

In "Through" Warner has assembled a New Guinea dream stool from the Freud Museum; an illustrated book by a follower of Madame Blavatsky's Theosophical movement which influenced Klee and Kandinsky; a *Book of Fate* owned by Napoleon with a hieroglyphic chart for predicting the future; Gustave Moreau's little *Sappho* which shows the Greek poetess asleep on the Lesbos cliffs; and much more.

"Within" tackles Surrealism and painters who turned their eyes inward, such as Paul Klee, who encouraged artists to enter secret worlds and make them visible. A real treat here is Max Klinger's 1881 engravings on the dream sequence called *The Finding of a Glove*. Dropped by an elegant lady in the rollerskating rink, the buttoned glove becomes an object of veneration (lying on a flat rock, a sacred flame burning on either side, next to a midnight-black and rose-covered sea) and desire, as well as nightmarish anxiety. Too elaborately strange to describe in detail, these are some of the most haunting images in the show.

Haunting by fabulous creatures, and the prototypes of images that lodged in our imaginations in childhood, is *the subject of "Between". "Below"* moves into death and damnation, apocalyptic visions and witchcraft. William Blake imagines Satan as a radiant being with flame-shaped wings and human frustration, failing to achieve the love, knowledge and liberty that he longs for. George Romney's *Meeting of the Three Witches and Hecate* is just as one would imagine an 18th-century production of *Macbeth*, while contemporary prints by Goya such as demons clipping their toenails in *They Spruce Themselves Up* have an immediacy to be expected from an artist haunted by night terrors.

Compare a "spontaneous photograph" taken in 1989 of a satanic cloud above the Statue of Liberty (horns and all) with the Victorian artist John Martin's *The Face of God upon the Waters*. Martin's inky-black print shows the face of God materialising in the vapours that hang over the newly-created scene.



Secret worlds: Paul Klee's *Ghost of a Genius* (1922)

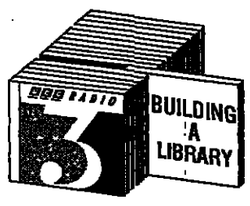
This is a highly personal *show, as have been the two* preceding National Touring Exhibitions in this series generated by the Hayward Gallery, curated by artists Deanna Petherbridge and Michael Craig-Martin. The logic by which *The Inner Eye* is organised is more cerebral than visual, which makes some of the categories anomalous — angels, for instance, are found in almost every section, and the evolution of the pagan classical figure of the winged Eros into the angel of Christianity is left tantalisingly unexplored. I would also have liked more background on the wall labels. Being forced to take art at face value can be baffling as well as stimulating. But I am all for provocative exhibitions.

● The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible *is at Manchester City Art Galleries to Nov 3, then Brighton Museum and Art Gallery (Nov 23 to Jan 5); Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea (Jan 18 to Mar 9); and Dulwich Picture Gallery, London (Apr 10 to Jun 1)*

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

RAVEL'S PIANO TRIO reviewed by William Mival



Ravel completed his Trio for piano, violin and cello shortly after the outbreak of war in August, 1914. The war was to mark Ravel deeply. After 1917, when he was invalided out of the army, his music would take on a much darker hue. So the Trio turned out to be the last of that series of limpid and sunny works which had established Ravel as a true master of the French lyrical tradition.

The Trio is complex and *demanding and many of the* available recordings can be uneven. The excellent Beaux Arts Trio have two versions currently available, recorded in 1956 (Philips 446 360-2) and 1983 (Philips 411 141-2). Of these the 1956 version is the stronger. *It handles the* constant shifts of mood and tempo in the enigmatic first movement with skill and poise. But the 1950s sound quality seriously gets in the way.

The Joachim Trio (Naxos 8.550934) is a good budget choice. There are some wayward moments and the acoustic might be a little overresonant for some. But there is a nice grasp of musical nuance and more than a hint of Wagner at the climax of the passacaglia third movement. And although they can be a bit over-fussy, the Borodin Trio (Chandos CHAN 8458) are, as always, passionate.

Both recordings by the Nash Ensemble are assured and technically fluent. But of the two the more recent, on Virgin Classics (VC 5 45016-2), *is the more gutsy and imaginative.* It could perhaps do with a little more magic, and the final moments of the last movement are played with an energy which makes it sound like the climax to an early work by Messiaen. It is magnificent but might not be to everybody's taste.

But my main recommendation is for the version by **Vladimir Ashkenazy with Itzhak Perlman and Lynn Harrell** in their 1994 Decca recording (44 4318-2, £15.95). They simply get much deeper into the music than do any of the others. It's a performance that glitters with the colours of Ravel's musical vision. And the ending is bathed in the brilliant sunlight and the optimism of that August day when Ravel put the finishing touches to the score.

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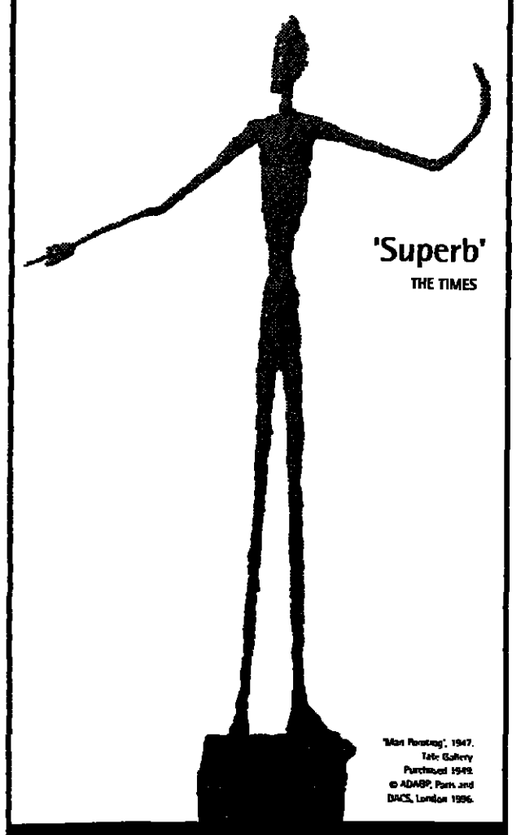
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Philip Hedley directs the staging of a play about Jack the Ripper

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Verdi's *La traviata* is prepared for a British tour

VENUE: Opens tonight at Glyndebourne

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POP 1

Loudest, fastest, heaviest: in Birmingham Metallica prove that they still have a wild touch



POP 2

... while in London the Lemonheads and Evan Dando revel in their regained popularity

POP: The black-clad kings of heavy rock see off all pretenders; Evan Dando shows a zest for life

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LINDSAY MAGGS



When the going gets heavy, the heavy get rocking: James Hetfield (left) and Kirk Hammett of Metallica

With freshly shorn hair and austere black stage clothes, Metallica hardly looked like world-beating overlords of heavy metal when they began their British tour at the NEC Arena on Saturday. Nevertheless, that is exactly what this unassuming San Francisco quartet have become since seizing the throne as the planet's biggest-selling heavy-rock band four years ago.

Their monolithic 1992 album *Metallica* not only rewrote the metal rulebook with a punishingly intense

Metallica
Birmingham

style derived from punk and thrash roots, it also sold a staggering 15 million copies. Since then the band have stripped down their image even further, following the example of other rock superstars such as Bon Jovi, and headlined America's premier alternative rock tour, Lollapalooza. Their new album *Load*, while still grounded in thrash metal, even betrays a shift towards pop melody and has already sold nearly six million units in just three months.

But anyone expecting the foursome to dilute their live show accordingly would be seriously misguided. Touring is the lifeblood of any heavy-rock act and Metallica are taking no chances in reminding their heartland audience that they remain the loudest, fastest, heaviest stadium band in the world. Opening their Birmingham set with the breakneck rabble-rouser *So What*, the band began a grinding marathon of well-oiled, aerobicised noise which barely flagged once in more than two hours.

Though undeniably compelling, this relentless assault on the senses did somewhat undersell Metallica's more subtle, complex qualities, especially the doomy introspection of lyricist and vocalist James Hetfield, who lends the band a depth and seriousness unparalleled in heavy metal. In Birmingham only rare, tranquil asides such as *Nothing Else Matters* perfectly caught the singer's intriguing mix of brooding self-hatred and nihilistic aggression. Hetfield's uncanny resemblance to Bert Lahr's cowardly lion in *The Wizard of Oz* only adds to this strange mystique.

But the real star of the Birmingham show was the stage itself, a space-age cluster of stainless-steel platforms rising from the centre of this vast arena. Ringed by high-tech lighting towers and multiple microphone stands, this gleaming construction resembled a futuristic boxing ring and allowed the band enormous freedom of movement. The result was a highly kinetic, in-the-round performance, with everyone except Danish-born drummer Lars Ulrich seemingly in a state of constant motion.

Harmoniously blending hard human graft with cutting-edge technology, this impressively minimal show made just a few concessions to traditional heavy-metal stagecraft, such as the brief burst of simulated jungle warfare which heralded the band's grimly operatic Vietnam war elegy *One*. But their *coup de théâtre* was reserved for a thunderous encore of *Enter Sandman*, during which the stage itself appeared to collapse and burst into flames.

Metallica, of course, emerged unscathed and unruffled. When you are the world's biggest heavy-rock band, there is clearly no such thing as a bad-hair day.

STEPHEN DALTON

The rebirth of a clown

The Lemonheads
Astoria, WC2

EVEN though Evan Dando has been making records since the mid-1980s, it was not until the release of 1993's *Come on Feel the Lemonheads* that he finally became one of the world's favourite alternative pop stars. Within a year, however, Dando had tired of celebrity and impulsively hacked off the long locks that had made the girls love him and the boys want to be him.

Suddenly, Dando must have known how Samson felt — he was instantly reduced from a centre-stage star to a sad has-been who could not even attract attention when he was busking around London in Kurt Cobain's old coat or trailing across with the world with Oasis. Two years later, however, Dando has grown his hair back to its trademark shoulder length, released a fine new album called *Car Button Cloth*, packed out the Astoria and discovered that everyone loves him again.

This might be a temporary state of affairs, but it seemed to be enough for Dando, who appeared to be in extremely good humour. As, indeed, were the other Lemonheads, who featured two fellow veterans of the American East Coast punk scene, drummer Murph and guitarist John Strohm, plus bassist Bill Gibson from Australia.

The opening numbers seemed to reflect Dando's jubilant mood, so that even a song such as *Hospital*, which is one of the bleakest on the new album, was delivered at a jaunty, happy-go-lucky pace. The only real change came halfway through the set on *Losing Your Mind*, which relied on loud, warped guitar lines and dark, soaring rhythm and which Dando played while facing Murph, with his back to the audience. He followed it with two more new songs, the insistent *One More Time* and the punk rush of *Something's Missing*, before entering into the home straight with *Confetti*, an old favourite.

For the encore, Dando sang three songs on his own and, as a parting shot, he even abandoned his guitar and took an a cappella style stab at Billie Holiday's suicidal *Gloomy Sunday*, wrapping the microphone lead around his neck, to make it look part noose, part feather boa. The crowd simply laughed at his theatrics — which more or less sums up the trouble with Dando: even when he is at his most serious, nobody ever takes him seriously enough.

ANN SCANLON

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

LONDON

THE LODGER: Murray Melvin guides us into the relationship between the man thought to be Jack the Ripper and his landlady (Lynn Farleigh). Once filmed by Hitchcock, now written by Patrick Prior. Philip Hedley directs.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Nov 2.

THE ISHIGURO DANCE COMPANY: The Tokyo-based choreographer Setsuko Ishiguro brings her award-winning company to London for their British debut. The programme includes *Hagoromo*, a work inspired by a fable from Japanese folklore, set to music by Olivier Messiaen.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

MOSCOW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. The programme for tonight's offering in the **Great Orchestras of the World** series is infused with a strong Russian flavour. The renowned orchestra is joined for the evening by the Philharmonia Chorus in works by Mussorgsky and Prokofiev. Mark Ermler conducts.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). 7.30pm.

PRETTY VACANT. A punk duo reunite after 20 years, when one has become an ageing Marxist, the other a millionaire fashion designer. Stephen North and Alexandra Cross in Paul Hodson's tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1970s.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (017-388 8822). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm. Until Oct 19.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Silviu Purcarete's 120-strong company from Romania here and in Glasgow for five performances only of **Les Danaides**, his expanded version of the one surviving play plus fragments of the Aeschylus trilogy.
National Indoor Arena, King Edward's Road, off Broad Street (0121-2338 4455). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

BRISTOL: A Romanian cultural invasion of Britain appears to be in progress as the **Romanian National Opera** begins its British tour here tonight with a grand-scale production of Verdi's *Aida*. The programme also features *Norma* and *The Magic Flute*.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0117 929 9444). *Aida* Tonight and Sat. *The Magic Flute* Tomorrow and Fri; *Norma* Thurs. Performances at 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: British premiere of a European classic, as the Actors Touring Company and the Northcott Theatre, Exeter bring **The Belle Vue**, Ödön von Horváth's last comedy charting the rise of Fascism, to town.
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate (0141-552 4267). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

GLYNDEBOURNE. The autumn season for **Glyndebourne Touring Opera** kicks off with *Verdi's La traviata* tonight. Judith Howarth makes her debut with the company as Violetta. Paul Nilon sings the role of Alfredo. Ivor Bolton conducts. Performances of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Handel's *Theodora* to follow.
Glyndebourne Opera House, Near Lewes, East Sussex (01273-813 813). Tonight, 7pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Anthony d'Offay: Ellen Gallagher (0171-499 4100). **British Museum:** *Mysteries of Ancient China* (0171-636 1555). **Brunei:** Ottoman Art (0171-637 2388). . **Cato Gallery**, John Whitall (0171-435 6650). **Festival Hall:** Imagined Communities (0171-960 4242). **Hayward:** Robert Mapplethorpe/Antony Gormley (0171-928 3144). . **National Portrait:** Photographs by Mark Gerson (0171-306 0055). . **Saatchi:** Young British Artists VI (0171-624 8299). **Tate:** New Displays: Hans Hartung (0171-887 8000). . **Whitford Fine Art:** Gerald Laing (0171-930 9332).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLOOD WEDDING:** Alexandra Gilbreath and Jasper Britton play the passionate lovers in Lorca's tragedy. Tim Supple directs a new version by Ted Hughes, with "hot desert" music composed by Adrian Lee.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat (Oct 26, Nov 2), 2.30pm. Until November 2.

☑ **BY JEEVES:** *Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes' first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.*
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.*

☐ **CASH ON DELIVERY.** Comedy performer Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role. Described as a belly laugh about benefit fraud, written by Michael Cooney.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.** *Paloma Baeza, Paul Jesson and Con O'Neill in Julian Garner's fascinating play concerned with anti-Semitism and survival in Poland, 1938 to 1946.*
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **HORACE.** Corneille's great tragedy, set in Rome's earliest years, where love is frustrated by the call to arms. The exposure of perverted rhetoric still feels relevant. Directed by Sydnee Blake.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). *Mon-Sat, 8pm (except Oct 12, 8.15pm); mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until Oct 19.*

■ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN.** Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.15pm.

☐ **KINDERTRANSPORT:** Diana Quick and Jean Boht in Diane Samuels's moving drama about a Jewish girl who reached England from Nazi Germany but grew up in denial.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☑ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR:** Neil Simon's very funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s, fighting against time and philistine producers. Gene Wilder plays Sid. Directed by Roger Haines, responsible for last year's Manchester production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

☐ **TEMPORARY RUPTURE:** Llewella Gideon and Wayne Buchanan in Michael Ellis's enjoyable war-of-the-sexes comedy. A man wants to return to the woman he abandoned after her career prospers; she has other plans for him. Paulette Randall directs.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733). ☑ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800). ☑ **Cats:** *New London* (0171-405 0072). ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070). ☐ **Jolson:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317). ☑ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909). ☑ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (*0171-494 5400*). ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443). ☑ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054). ☑ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055).

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **COURAGE UNDER FIRE** (15) *Denzel Washington searches for truth in the Gulf War. Half-way intelligent drama, with Meg Ryan. Director, Edward Zwick.*
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636).

◆ **JUDE** (15): Vigorously depressing version of Hardy's novel about dashed hopes and illicit love, with Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet. Director, Michael Winterbottom.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148). **Barbican** (0171-638 8891). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **Gate** (0171-727 4043). **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353). **Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Screen/Baker UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

LETTERS FROM THE EAST: Inert drama about an Estonian-born woman searching for her mother. With Ewa Fröling. Director, Andrew Grieve. **NFT** (0171-928 3232).

◆ **THE NUTTY PROFESSOR** (12). Lively if vulgar reworking of the old Jerry Lewis film, with Eddie Murphy as the misfit professor who creates a sleek, alter ego. Director, Tom Shadyac.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323). **Empire** (0990 888 990). **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636); **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

◆ **LAST MAN STANDING** (18). Bruce Willis plays two bootleg gangs against each other. Fancy-looking movie pastiche from director Walter Hill.
ABC Tottenham Ct Rd (0171-636 6148). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **MGM Baker St** (0171-935 9772). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Plaza** (0990 888990). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

LA REGLE DU JEU (PG). New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor.
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470).

THE ROCK (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. Director, Michael Bay.
Odeon Mezzanine (01428 915683). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15): Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279). **Metro** (0171-437 0757). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666). **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096).

◆ **STRIPTEASE** (15): Demi Moore's stripper seeks custody of her daughter. Clumsy mixture of sex, satire and melodrama, with Burt Reynolds.
ABC Tottenham Ct Rd (0171-636 6148). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666). **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 9057). **West End** (01426 915574). **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332). **Virgin Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636).

CURRENT

L'AMORE MOLESTO *(15): A woman grapples with her mother's bizarre death. Compelling and stylish psychological drama from Italian director Mario Martone.*
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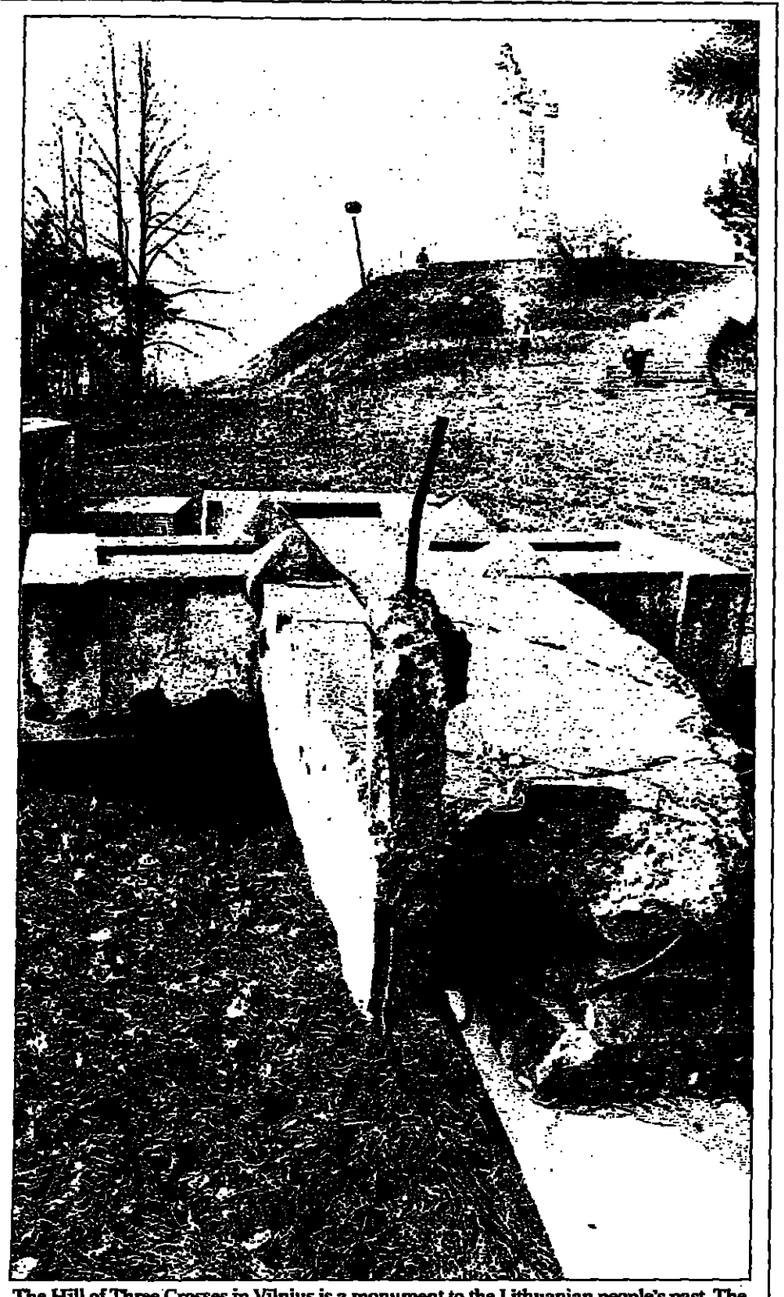


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Answers to the Baltic question

London audiences will soon see how well the culture of the Baltic states survived Soviet rule. **Hilary Finch** reports



The Hill of Three Crosses in Vilnius is a monument to the Lithuanian people's past. The country's involvement in the Baltic arts festival is a testament to its future

In Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, there seem to be as many concerts as there are hours in the day. Down in the docks, an old salt warehouse has just become Estonia's latest theatre space. At the Cuckoo Club, a subterranean gathering place for artists and musicians that was once both an intellectual oasis and a KGB trap, a new vibrancy is almost palpable in the dense, smoky air.

In Riga, the capital of Latvia, the Opera House has just reopened after extensive renovation, starting its season with a newly commissioned work from Romualds Kalsons called *The Prodigal Son*. And in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, the Academic Drama Theatre is just about to move into a new studio space in a restored Art Deco building opposite the new McDonald's.

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are, indeed, Altered States. And a festival of that name at London's Watermans Arts Centre — part of the month-long Baltic Arts '96 — will show just what has been hidden from Western eyes in 50 years of Soviet occupation. During that time, the cultural identity and spiritual independence of these three tiny nations was kept alive through language, folk traditions and, above all, through the human voice.

On September 10, 1988, 300,000 Estonians met for an unscheduled festival of song. The Singing Revolution had begun. A year later, a 430-mile long human chain stretched from Tallinn to Vilnius in protest against Soviet occupation. In the days of isolation, Estonian composers such as Arvo Pärt and Veljo Tormis felt compelled to identify exactly where they came from — be it through liturgical or pagan tradition — simply because it was impossible to have any vision of where they were going. Now, the new generation of composers, such as Erkki-Sven Tuur and Mart Jaanson, find themselves at the centre of a global village of information and ideas. Both these elements in Estonian music are represented in the festival: the ancient runic chants of Tormis's *Livonian Heritage* will be performed by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir at St John's Smith Square on October 21. And Tallinn's chamber ensemble Nydd (the word means "now"), founded out of the contemporary music festival of the same name which is now one of the most exciting in Europe, will present new music at the Guildhall School on October 20.

Estonia, despite being the smallest of the Baltic states, already has an impressive programme of sponsorship in place, and a healthy tax and lottery-funded Endowment for the Arts. Life in Latvia is a lot tougher. If you've heard of the music of Peteris Vasks, you're doing well, and not too many people know that Riga bulges with exquisite Art Nouveau buildings designed by Sergei Eisenstein's father.

During the years of Soviet occupation poetry, above all else, sustained the national identity. Meet any Latvian on the streets of Riga — or of London — and he or she is likely to be clutching a tiny, exquisitely bound and illustrated volume of poems or essays by writers such as Janis Peters or Imants Ziedonis. Anyone wishing to reserve a book hot off the press had, until recently, both to pay the asking price, and to provide the bookseller with something he particularly wanted, be it a fresh chicken or a lemon. Some of those Baltic voices will be heard in the Festival Hall's Voice Box tonight.

The real revelation from Latvia is likely to be the music of Peteris Plakidis, Professor of Composition at the State Academy. His *Canto*, to be performed at the Guildhall School this Friday, at the end of a day of open workshops and rehearsals, will show how canons, fugues, an electric bass guitar and a lacing of laconic humour ignite in his work.

In Lithuania, the largest and the poorest of the three states, all the national banks have collapsed, new private companies are being plagued with mafia demands for protection money, and there is no legislative framework for sponsorship. The main theatre is unheated, and leading actors have to drive taxis to supplement their income.

In Vilnius, freedom has a high price. But large audiences are voracious for the work of Oskaras Korsunovas, the country's leading young director who will appear at the Watermans Arts Centre on October 25 when his own company presents the Absurdist comedy *Old Woman 2*.

New writing in Lithuania is appearing only slowly and cautiously: it is still associated with censorship and the old way of working. As Judith Hibberd, festival director at Watermans, says: "Many writers were taken away and never came back again. The fear takes a long time to go away, and the absolute political imperative to write has now gone. This is a period of reinvention."

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As always, this Bess is her own woman now

As a massive CD collection of her soprano artistry hits the shops, Leontyne Price talks to **John Higgins**

A bright red box out this week encapsulates the very substantial career of Leontyne Price, the great American soprano. Within *The Essential Leontyne Price* are 11 CDs, and not many corners of her art are left untouched. The recordings run from 1959, when her reputation was established in Europe but not yet in America, through to a favourite spiritual sung in recital in 1991.

Next February Price will be 70, but she looks and talks as though she were 20 years younger. She is still singing, but only in recital: her farewell to opera on stage was at the Met in New York when she was 57. An autobiography is on the way and she has plenty to write about. She was the first black soprano to appear at the Met on her belated debut there in 1961. Two years before she had claimed the same title at La Scala. After Price had broken down the gates, plenty more followed.

The role which put her on the path to fame was Bess in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, in which she starred with her husband, William Warfield, although they were to divorce in 1973. Two of their duets are in the red box. *Porgy* had a long European tour in the early 1950s, before returning to New York.

"It was both a confidence builder and a stepping stone. Bess helped me construct my early performances of Aida, which was always likely to be my most famous role. She also broadened my horizons. I returned to America 'seasoned', having experienced new cultures and tested new audiences. Back in New York at the Ziegfeld Theatre, the president of Columbia Artists heard my Bess and immediately put me on his books. He recommended me to Herbert von Karajan, who whisked me off to Vienna for Aida, then to the Salzburg Festival for Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni*. The career was away."

With Karajan in 1964, Price recorded *Carmen* and, in the view of many, her interpretation of Bizet's gypsy has never been surpassed. But when he asked her to play the role on stage at Salzburg, she declined.

"I'm not a mezzo, but Carmen in the studio was as easy as falling off a log. My voice is dark, sensuous and lyric. Those are three qualities you need for the part. But try transferring the three to a theatre the size of the Festspielhaus and it just would not have worked."

Price grew up in humble circumstances in Laurel, Mississippi. Her father was a carpenter and her mother a midwife. "They taught me to set my own agenda and I've continued to set it all my life. Conductors want to use you for their own ends and you have to decide whether those ends are also right for you."



Leontyne Price: setting her own musical agenda

Price's first successes in her own country were at the San Francisco Opera, where she sang Aida and was the first American Madame Lidoine in Poulenc's *Les Carmelites*. The Met offered her a token single appearance as Aida, but with characteristic foresight she refused.

"I wanted my Met debut to be something special, not just a one-off. And I didn't want it to be Aida. That would have been too easy. The proper invitation came from Rudolf Bing [the Met's general administrator] in Verona. He had gone to the Arena to persuade Franco Corelli to come to New York. I was appearing with Corelli and Mr Bing immediately saw the advantages of a double debut."

That happened on January 27, 1961, with *Trovatore*. But it brought problems in its wake. The applause for Price, more than 30 minutes at the end of the evening, was considerably greater than that for Corelli, who was not pleased. "I believe that Corelli had words with Mr Bing the next day." Those words were to the effect that he did not want to appear with Price again. But of course he did and they became one of the great Verdi partnerships of the century. Price pays tribute to him: "Very tall, very beautiful and the best legs in the business. Who could not want to sing with him?"

Price was the soprano chosen to open the Met's new home in the Lincoln Centre, as Cleopatra in *Antony and Cleopatra*, commissioned from Samuel Barber. It was generally reckoned a flop. Was it?

"Not as far as I was concerned. Cleopatra was written specifically for me, much of it in my own sitting-room, with Sam at my piano. I count it a success. But I'm not talking about the sets and staging. Franco Zeffirelli [the director and designer of *Antony*] is usually a theatrical genius, but not that night. Sam never got over the hurt."

Since giving the last of her 176 Met performances in 1985, Price has devoted herself to teaching and recitals, plus that autobiography. "Even at 69, recitals fill me with excitement. It's real show-off time. I begin with Handel or Mozart and always close with purely American numbers, the songs that are part of my heritage." Price is still setting the agenda, as her parents taught her to.

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MUSIC: Goehr's stunning opera staged in Cambridge; Jessye Norman formidable in London

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PREMIERED a year ago at Covent Garden, Alexander Goehr's delightful "homage to Monteverdi" opera, *Arianna*, has now been staged in a venue (Cambridge's West Road Concert Hall) intimate enough to allow its myriad subtleties to be properly savoured. Goehr may have mixed feelings if this unashamedly derivative piece, setting the surviving libretto of a lost Monteverdi opera, becomes his biggest hit. But it probably will.

It is a brilliant concept, sumptuously fleshed out. And it crystallises the direction in which Goehr's thinking has been going for decades, almost as though his whole career as composer and Cambridge music professor had been a prelude to writing it.

Here it received not an average student production, but a diamond-quality performance presented by the University of Cambridge to mark the inauguration of the new Vice-Chancellor, Alec Broers. And the work does seem uncannily well suited to a great university celebration. It looks both backwards and forwards; it combines scholarship with creativity; and it draws inspiration from two of Europe's greatest civilisations: Ancient Greece and Renaissance Italy.

Ottavio Rinuccini's 1608 libretto relates the legend of Arianna's abandonment by Theseus, and her subsequent seduction by the god Bacchus. His libretto has a compelling directness and an almost Pinteresque understanding of love betrayed. It needs intelligent performers rather than big-voiced stars, and that was where this production scored.

Aside from a few dignified ensemble movements, Annilese Miskimmon's staging wisely kept the action uncluttered against Francis Terry's sparse background (a few white gauze drapes against bare brick walls). That gave the singers space to develop their roles.

None developed better than Ruby Philogene, a full-bodied mezzo of much promise. In a production that made the "happy ending" explicitly nothing of the kind, her tragic projection of the title-role was mesmerising. Clearly, a major talent. But there were fine performances, too, from Jeremy Huw Williams as a sinister, Iago-esque Counsellor; from Philip Sheffield, whose crisp, clear tenor suited the lightweight, suggestible Theseus; and from Timothy Dawkins in several roles.

Goehr's score is not pastiche, but a loving 20th-century memoire of Monteverdi's style, filtered through an orchestra of 16 modern instruments including synthesiser, guitar and lots of jangly percussion, but no cellos or basses. The gorgeously airy textures of this timeless soundworld were beautifully projected here under William Lacey's direction.

Sometimes, as in the "madrigals" for fishermen, Goehr is close to original Monteverdi; elsewhere, only the spirit lingers. But for the celebrated Lament (the only music from Monteverdi's opera to survive), Goehr reserves his boldest idea: he prefaces his modern, expressionist reworking of the original vocal line and bass with a ghostly offstage snatch of Kathleen Ferrier's celebrated recording.

It is as if Arianna, at this catastrophic moment, has plugged into an archetypal lament for all forsaken women. This Brechtian stroke will not appeal to all tastes. But it does sum up the intellectual daring of this masterly chamber opera.

RICHARD MORRISON

It took a little time for the fire to take control

Jessye Norman
Festival Hall

"WHY do they shut me out of heaven? Did I sing too loud?" Aaron Copland's question (or, rather, Emily Dickinson's) is an old ruse of the soprano at encore time, when the main challenges of the evening have been met and it is time for a little coy banter with the audience. The answer, at Jessye Norman's long-awaited London recital on Sunday, was firmly in the negative: indeed, she had begun the evening in particularly low and subdued key.

The rarer the appearances, the greater the burden of expectation, and Norman seemed to be feeling it. With two or three-year gaps between recitals here, and with international showings focused mainly on big openings, big finales and the odd *Marseillaise*, it is little wonder that Norman's approach to the finer points of the Lieder repertoire was cautious. Brahms was edged into almost nervously, with the secrets of *O come, fair summer night* unfolded with reticence, and with the quivering pulse of the *Serenade* minutely controlled, as if to let the voice tentatively feel its way forward.

Because, of course, the voice is changing. It now takes a little longer to find its focus. A song such as Hugo Wolf's Morike setting, *Encounter*, is pretty safe ground because it twists only the tongue. But the wide, desolate spaces of *The Abandoned Maiden* can be dangerous territory. The balm of an audience's adoring memory, though, can salve many a vocal graze, and artistry which compels concentration as intense in the listening as in the performing restores many losses.

Ravel's *Shéhérazade*, after the interval, gave Norman more opportunity to be at ease as her own stage manager. It was as if she had been saving herself all evening for those opening three words, "Asie, Asie, Asie!": in their cumulative eloquence, the colours and scents of an entire continent were conjured. This was vintage Norman: the supple savouring of a vowel-rich line, the subtle evocation of texture and movement within the entire body. Marieke Schneemann's flute playing contributed its own potent voice.

The years seemed telescoped, too, when Norman and her lively accompanist Mark Markham turned to a generous handful of Richard Strauss songs as encores. It was a real pity, though, that Norman did not give us the rest of Copland's wonderful Emily Dickinson settings as the last item of the programme proper, instead of the overblown New World orientalism of John La Montaine's *Songs of the Rose of Sharon*, something of an anticlimax and saved only by the exuberance of the encores and the roar of the standing ovations.

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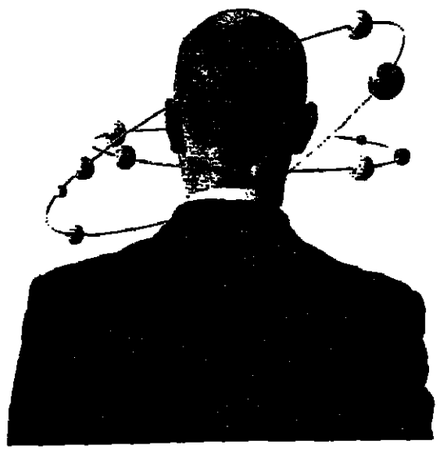
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Invasion of the giants

CHRIS LOUFTE



Manchester's G-Mex centre, one of the venues for the Law Society conference, and a source of pride for legal grandee Rodger Pannone, below

David Conn finds out why the legal landscape of Manchester has totally changed in the past decade

The arrival in Manchester of almost 1,000 solicitors for this weekend's Law Society conference is being hailed in the city as more significant than a mere opportunity to drag a London-centred profession up North. The source of pride is the two venues: the G-Mex centre, unveiled in 1986 in the shell of the previously derelict Central Station, and the Bridgewater Concert Hall, the newest in Manchester's series of regenerative civic projects.

"This city has made great progress," enthuses the legal grandee and ebullient survivor Rodger Pannone, past Law Society president, chairman of the Bridgewater trustees and perennial Mancunian advocate. "Manchester is becoming a genuine European city, second only to London as a commercial centre."

That claim contrasts with the currently cowed, defensive tone of the city's native legal profession. Ten years ago, local solicitors could hardly have foreseen today's situation, which finds many of them struggling to compete with a coterie of giants, largely arrivals from outside. Then, with hardly a London or Leeds firm in sight, well-established 15-partner commercial firms prospered on work from northwest companies and financial institutions. Bread and butter, as now, came from insurance companies, whose personal injury work still largely supports the likes of James Chapman, Lace Mawer and other defendant firms.

The Eighties provided opportunities for commercial expansion, something Pannone himself did alongside his disaster-law practice (now disbanded), and for fresh starts by some breakaway lawyers. Addleshaw Sons and Latham, though small compared with City firms, had little real competition in Manchester for blue chip work. Times were good and marketing was basic.

Alsop Stevens, which has since been involved in two major mergers, was the first Liverpool firm to arrive, in 1984, followed by Lace Mawer in 1988 and Davies Wallis Foyster. But talk of "merger mania", always a little parochial, looks almost laughable now, as Manchester law firms nervously compare their size with the new Leeds-based invaders. A further round of mergers is expected; a watershed brought into focus last week by the merger of Alsop Wilkinson and Dibb Lupton Broomhead.

The new firm, Dibb Lupton Alsop, has 234 staff locally, edging close to the 286 of Addleshaws, but is backed,



unlike Addleshaws, by a national structure and 215 partners, making it the country's seventh-biggest law firm.

The deal was announced triumphantly by Paul Nicholls, regional managing partner. He said: "This marriage will place us at the top of the premiership in Manchester." Expanding on its likely effect in Manchester, Mr Nicholls said he hoped work that previously went to London would stay in the city. He expected a "realignment": mergers of medium-size practices and the emergence of a group of four or five big firms. "I would be surprised," he commented, "if Addleshaws did not respond."

The rumours, always flowing in what remains a close professional community, have long been that Manchester's flagship commercial firm will soon bow to the inevitable and merge with Booth & Co, its Leeds partner in the Norton Rose M5 group.

Paul Lee, the managing partner, though bristling at suggestions that the move is now essential, does not deny the inexorable logic of economies of scale or that there have been talks. "We will be considering our position," he said.

If the merger takes place, Manchester's legal landscape will have utterly changed in a decade. Dibb Lupton, Booth & Co and Hammond Suddards, all originally from Leeds, would be very strong in the city, as would Eversheds, whose Manchester firm merged with the Leeds office last year. This is a far cry from 1990, when Dibb Lupton Broomhead was the first to slip into Manchester, taking over a small local practice.

Manchester firms were unimpressed when Hammond Suddards arrived in 1993; a story was going around that a lorry was bringing files over the Pennines to keep staff busy. The rumour was dismissed as "nonsense" by Richard Burns, Manchester managing partner. The scoffs have faded now as the firm has grown to 15 partners and, says Mr Burns, is consistently winning work from local firms.

"Manchester's lawyers can't be blamed," said Mr Burns of the colonisation by Leeds. "This is a big commercial centre and I think there was enough work to keep the lawyers happy. In Leeds a number of ambitious firms developed and the northeast market was not big enough to satisfy them all."

Mr Pannone, who sees the latest merger as a signal for local firms to examine their survival prospects, fondly recalls the old days. "The lawyers were good, but it was more relaxed," he said. "We used to go to the Kardomah coffee house several times a week, we drank alcohol with lunch — remember that? But we may have been complacent. It would have changed, anyway, but the Leeds firms have povided the catalyst."

Nigel Kissack, Paul Nichols's other half in the Dibb Lupton Alsop merger, was always convinced of the need to grow. "We have to drive unit costs down," he said, "in order to invest for the future and build new markets."

Manchester lawyer-talk was never like this in the Kardomah, which has long since closed. The conference rooms of G-Mex and the Bridgewater Hall this weekend, though, will no doubt resound with official approval to the exigencies of this new commercial language.

Juries can cope with a defendant's form

Viscount Sankey explained in a 1935 judgment that "one of the most deeply rooted and jealously guarded principles of our criminal law" is that the jury in a criminal trial is not told about the previous convictions of the defendant. The Law Commission has issued a consultation paper, *Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Previous Misconduct of a Defendant*, which contains a comprehensive and illuminating analysis of the content of English law, the manner in which the problems are resolved in other jurisdictions, and the options for change. The Law Commission has invited comments by October 31 on whether, and if so how, the law should be amended.

The justifications advanced for the existing rule excluding evidence of the bad character of the accused are that such material is not relevant to proof of guilt of the offence charged, or that any probative value is outweighed by its prejudicial effect. The concern is that if previous convictions were admissible evidence, juries would focus their attention less on the allegation before the court, and more on the assumption that if the defendant has done it before, then he or she must have done it again. These justifications are unconvincing. They proceed from the patronising assumption that juries will act irrationally to the conclusion that the law of evidence should hide information which may help the jury to decide criminal cases.



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In a 1995 judgment in the House of Lords, Lord Griffiths pointed out that in the past, when "jurors were often uneducated and illiterate, and the penal laws were of harsh severity", and when those on trial could not be heard in their own defence, judges developed rules of evidence designed to protect defendants from the risk that convictions might be based on prejudice rather than a fair evaluation of the facts. As Lord Griffiths explained: "Today, with better educated and more literate juries, the value of those old restrictive rules of evidence is being re-evaluated and many are being discarded or modified."

Juries today are well able to understand that the fact that a defendant has committed a dozen previous burglaries in the past five years does not prove the defendant is guilty of the charge of burglary before the court. But when a jury is considering whether the charge is proved beyond a reasonable doubt, the previous conduct of the defendant is relevant both to propensity to commit this crime and the credibility of any account which the defendant may give.

It is insulting to the intelligence and fairness of juries for the law to proceed on the basis that a jury will assume guilt if told about the previous convictions of the defendant, rather than give such information proper weight alongside all the other evidence adduced at the trial.

Indeed, the law has allowed important exceptions to the principle that juries must be shielded from knowledge of the defendant's previous convictions. The prosecution may be allowed to rely on "similar fact evidence" of earlier offences. Some statutes allow the jury to be told about a defendant's previous convictions — for example, as evidence tending to prove that a person who has handled stolen goods knew or believed the goods to be stolen. If a defendant impugns the character of a prosecution witness, or gives evidence against a co-accused, the judge may allow reference to be made to the defendant's previous convictions. There is no reason to think that allowing juries to have such information in these exceptional cases has resulted in emotional, rather than reasoned, decisions being made by juries.

As well as lacking any coherent principle, the rules of evidence are self-contradictory, and produce real practical difficulties. Since a judge is obliged to direct a jury that a defendant's good character is relevant to credibility and to propensity to commit crime, it is perverse to conceal another defendant's bad character from the jury. When there are co-defendants, judges face what the Court of Appeal described in 1993 (with considerable understatement) as the "difficult problem" of how to direct juries about the good character of one defendant, without hinting at the bad character of another defendant. Moreover, an experienced jury will probably infer, from the absence of any reference to character, that a defendant has previous convictions.

As the Law Commission observed, consideration of the need for law reform is impeded by Section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which prohibits any research (even by the Lord Chancellor's Department) into how Crown Court juries actually conduct their deliberations. But it does not need research to establish that if modern juries need to be shielded from information because of a risk that they may behave in an arbitrary manner, it is jury trial itself that needs to be justified.

The laws of evidence impede the ability of the criminal justice system to determine the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Radical reform is urgently required.

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INNS AND OUTS

HAVE the Inns of Court ceased to be the exclusive preserve of barristers? There is disquiet in some quarters over the status of barristers who requalify as solicitors, then refuse to take the Bar Council's advice to disbar.

This summer, the Bar Council gave up moves to force barristers to disbar on becoming solicitors after it received legal advice that such a move would not be possible, although a Bar Council paper described the situation as "only likely to cause confusion".

Now it is the turn of the Inns to make a fuss. The problem has been sparked by the Law Society's decision to stop requiring barristers it embraced to disbar. The Inns are now looking into whether they can stop barristers who become solicitors from remaining members.

Winning chips

FOOTBALL has come home to Edge & Ellison in Birmingham. Sir Bert Millichip, and his son, Peter, have joined the firm Richard Alderson, head of sport at the firm, says: "Sir Bert practised law until he became fully involved with the Football Association and at 82 he is remarkably active in the sport. Peter wants to specialise in sports law and to exploit his football world contacts."

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New role: Sir Bert Millichip

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Image problems

IT SEEMS that the Law Society's attempts to give its complaints body a more positive image have fallen at the first hurdle. The Solicitors Complaints Bureau has recently been relaunched under the name Office for the Supervision of Solicitors. The word "complaint" was dropped from the new name to create a more positive image. But the first acronym of Ofsol had to be dropped after government officials pointed out that the "Of" prefix was kept for its own regulatory bodies.

The new acronym is OSS, but its many opponents have cottoned onto the fact that if you drop the O, you get SS.

● *AT THE recent Bar conference, Dr Angela Gallup's comment that any "Tom, Dick or Harriet with minimal scientific training but sufficient brass" could set up in business as forensic scientists should have read "sufficient brass neck".*

Last words

HOSTILITIES have broken out between the Law Society and the Consumers' Association about drafting of wills. A report by *Which?* claims that solicitors' will-drafting skills are no better than those of banks, life insurers and specialist will-writers. Only 12 out of 52 were judged "good" by an expert panel.

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In the flashlight: Mark Stephens, left, with Paula Yates

Mark Stephens, Mr Front Page

Frances Gibb meets a man in the news

The front page of daily newspapers is home territory for Mark Stephens, media lawyer with a host of high-profile clients. But last week was exceptional, even by his standards: his clients — Ian Greer, the lobbyist at the centre of the cash-for-questions furore, and Paula Yates, who is fighting Bob Geldof for custody of their children — graced the front of tabloids and qualities every day.

And to cap it, Mr Stephens, as a tribunal member of the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, was also adjudicating on whether the taped chatlines of Madame Vasso with the Duchess of York could be broadcast on 0891 lines. The tribunal said they could not.

"Even for me it was busy," he said. "The media coverage on the day Paula Yates was at court was overwhelming. I have done some big cases and usually after the press have got their photos they go away. But that day was like being swept under a tidal wave."

He was looking remarkably robust after a fornight that included: work on a multimillion-pound trademark fraud action; a day in North Wales at the Waterhouse child abuse inquiry; a day in court defending a journalist on a contempt charge; a couple of days working on Paula Yates's custody fight; dinner with the Law Society president; taking over the Greer case (12 files were delivered to his door for weekend reading); the Vasso adjudication; dining his mother for her birthday; more meetings with Miss Yates, including picking her up in Paris so they could prepare for court.

This week looks no easier: yesterday he was lecturing in Amsterdam on intellectual property on the Internet, today he will be in court on Miss Yates's case.

Mr Stephens, 39, set up his firm, Stephens Innocent, in 1982, acting for artists whose east London studios were threatened by developers, and his walls are hung with their "fees in kind". When he acted for the M11 protesters, they built his children a treehouse.

Many clients still come from the arts; but his work has expanded into media work generally, and human rights and employment. Mr Stephens's ability to emerge so often into the limelight irritates some lawyers. But his clients love him and his strong commitment. "One client, the sculptor Michael Black, thought I looked undernourished when he saw me on television," he said, "so he sent round some lardy cake."

Bad marks or bad marking?

Students are suing, reports **Gary Slapper**

Dissatisfied students are increasingly suing educational institutions. For decades there has been an arena of professional negligence litigation into which physicians and lawyers have been dragged but, until now, teachers and lecturers have been rarely summoned.

In May Simon Zekaria issued a writ against the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge alleging breach of contract and negligence. Mr Zekaria had studied for his GCSE examinations at University College School in London, but received a low grade from the Midland Examining Group (now the Cambridge group) for the English literature paper he sat in June 1994. He and his teachers expected a high grade, and the paper was re-marked by the board on application by the school. A "D" grade was confirmed. The disagreement led to a third marking of the paper in June 1995, but this, too, he claims was unsatisfactory.

The writ alleges that the examinations board was cursory and superficial, and says that, as a result, Mr Zekaria lost the chance to study English at his first choice of university.

A central claim in this case to be determined by the court is whether, on the balance of probabilities, it is true that the candidate's papers were not marked fairly and with reasonable skill and care. The law here is governed by one of the most famous English legal principles: the duty of a person to exercise reasonable care towards his "neighbour".

The courts have had relatively little problem defining the standard of care required from people doing everyday things like driving a car or attaching a handle to a door. But the need to formulate precisely the standard required from experts such as doctors and engineers has posed more of a challenge.

Why is litigation in the education sector rising? Society is becoming more rights-conscious and litigious. This is the age of the charter and a profusion of media legal advice columns and programmes. Charters have also been issued by the Department for Education and by universities themselves to help in the competition to recruit good students.

Then there is the growing personal financial stake in education of students and their parents. Many students now work long hours to fund studies, or are sponsored by parents at great financial sacrifices. Next year, some universities are considering charging students £1,000 top-up fees to meet a shortfall in government spending. A recent Barclays Bank found the average debt of finalists in 1996 was up 32 per cent on last year.

In such a context student dissatisfaction with course quality or with exam results is more clearly foreseeable than 20 years ago. But certain problems will arise if judges have to cultivate negligence law in relation to the delivery of education. One challenge will come from the rule that although deviation from proper practice creates liability, the nature of "proper practice" is affected by time and place.

Tony Weir, a leading authority in the field, observed: "One cannot demand from a garage in the Highlands of Scotland the same standard of expedition and professional competence which can be hoped for in the metropolis." In 1937 a woman became ill after an allegedly negligent ear-piercing by a man who worked for a jewellers. Mr Justice Goddard rejected her claim, ruling that the standard of work was reasonable for a lay expert. Will the standards to be expected of academics and examiners depend upon the level of their experience and qualifications?


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Foecke: inquiry was ordered after he won a first-class degree

Litigation against universities is not just confined to actions for negligence or breach of contract. In July a ten-year campaign by a former Bristol University student ended when his case was rejected in the Court of Appeal. In 1986, Francis Foecke was awarded a first-class degree in mathematics. An inquiry was ordered when his answers were found to mirror the model answers prepared by the examiner, including some errors. His first-class degree was withdrawn. Mr Foecke, who spent £50,000 pursuing various legal actions, may now take the case to Europe.

The medical profession has already faced a huge growth in litigation in the past 20 years. The cost of medical insurance has soared and the art of "defensive medicine" has burgeoned, with practitioners encouraged to resort to procedures least likely to expose them to legal attack, even if not necessarily in the patients' best interests. The proportion of babies delivered by Caesarean section, for example, has quadrupled since 1977.

The immunity from court actions enjoyed by lecturers and examiners has resulted from social axiom rather than legal rule. But student indulgence or reverence of lecturers is not what it was. If educational litigation follows the medical pattern, educators, too, may be forced to to resort to legal insurance and change to "defensive grading" and "defensive lecturing".

● *Dr Gary Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law at Staffordshire University.*

There are rich pickings to be had for lawyers as colleges and universities are forced into the commercial sector

Education changes mean a new role in the classroom

The explosion in legal work involving schools, colleges and universities is creating fertile territory for lawyers. *Frances Gibb writes.* It is not just high-profile challenges by students over results; universities and colleges are being forced into the commercial sector, with all the legal problems that brings with it.

The boom in work is one of the main factors behind the growth in turnover of Martineau Johnson, a Birmingham firm. Four years ago, the firm set up its pioneering education department with nine partners. Its turnover has since shot up by 500 per cent.

The 120-year-old firm has had links with both Birmingham and Aston universities since their foundation. It has also built a strong private client base — tax and charities work, trusts, property — and the two areas fused into the new department in 1992.

Now the education team led by partners Simon Arrowsmith and his deputy Nicola Hart has 60 institutions on its books — including 19 universities, and also colleges, health bodies, charities and schools.

They advise on what they call "a wide range of issues sparked off by the pressures and friction at the interface of the public and private sectors". That range is vast — it covers challenges by students and pupils, codes of practice and policy on use and abuse of the Internet, capital funding for building and other developments, including governance, powers and accountability; charters and consumer rights; protecting and exploiting research, and mergers and acquisitions.

The department hosts seminars and keeps clients posted via video conferencing, e-mail and *Education Brief*, its own publication.

Mr Arrowsmith says that the huge changes make it "unsurprising" that the education sector is "fertile" legal ground. "Education Acts are passed nearly every year," he says. "There have been more than 30 since 1944. Then, as greater numbers of students go into further and higher education, from a broader range of ages, cultures and social classes than before, so more demands are made on institutions and more attention is focused on the quality of the product."

As in other sectors, consumerism is rife. Mr Arrowsmith says: "Armed with charters, students and parents come with high expectations and are prepared to take action to enforce the rights of the individual against the institution which fails to meet the required standard."

The increasingly "savage" budget cuts, coupled with the Government's Private Finance Initiative, have forced institutions to seek to raise capital and research funds from the private sector and abroad.

Universities are now also planning to raise more funds directly from students themselves. "Given that the relationship between institutions and students is basically contractual," Mr Arrowsmith says, "might a unilateral imposition of such fees be a breach of contract?"

Other problems can arise from a funding squeeze, including redundancies; increased use of short-term contracts; profit-related pay; and "poaching" of prestigious staff to boost research status, he says. Then there is discipline and security; discrimination and health and safety law; insurance and intellectual property.

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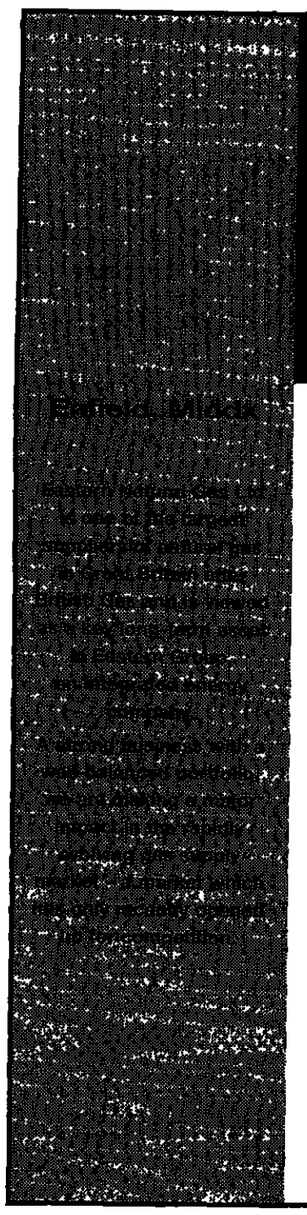
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David Powell fears for British athletics as rugby offers a wealth of opportunity

Runners take flight in pursuit of security

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John runs for Great Britain at the world athletics championships last year and chases a loose ball for Moseley in the rugby union match against Richmond on Saturday

Seven months ago, Jason John was Great Britain's most successful sprinter at the European indoor athletics championships in Stockholm. Now, at 24 — younger than Linford Christie was when he made his breakthrough — John has retired from athletics. Professional rugby union has opened its door and John has dashed through.

"It boils down to greater security," John, the 60 metres silver medal-winner in Stockholm, said. He is playing on the wing for Moseley in the Courage Clubs Championship second division; and John and Nigel Walker, the Olympic hurdler who became a Wales international, are by no means the only accomplished sprinters now playing rugby union.

Elliot Bunney, a former European junior 100 metres champion, is a regular for Heriot's in the Tennents Premiership first division. Paul Sampson's call into the senior England squad aged 18 last January made headlines, but he was level-headed enough to keep rugby as an option rather than a commitment.

Six months later, Sampson won the English schools 100 metres title. The next Christie, or the next Underwood? He has to choose and Underwood is apparently winning. Sampson has signed for Wasps and his father, though he would like him to become an athlete, recognises that rugby may be the safer bet for a professional sportsman.

Lower down, Derek Redmond, a former 400 metres British record-holder, has scored seven tries in seven matches this season for Stow-on-the-Wold, emphasising the demand that exists in the game for men with pace. Redmond, despite ten Achilles tendon operations and having not raced since the 1992 Olympic Games, is looking towards a higher level. "I do not need to be as quick as I was on the track to be one of the quicker players," he said.

While Bunney enjoys his income from rugby, money was not his motivation. However, Martin Watkins, who coaches a group of Britain's young athletes, acknowledges that the professionalisation of rugby union has sharpened it as a rival to athletics and John admits that it encouraged him to switch sports.

"I can make a living playing for Moseley," John said. "I get paid a retainer, match fees and win fees, and I have got a club car and full medical expenses. In rugby, because you are guaranteed a wage, you do not have to worry about where your money is coming from.

"I know people in track who have mortgages but do not know where their next cheque is coming from to pay that mortgage. I believe more athletes will go to rugby, and not just sprinters."

Watkins cites Ian McLaughlin, an English schools hammer medal-winner, as a case in point. McLaughlin, 19, is playing rugby for the Harlequins second XV, competing as an athlete only sporadically.

Richard Simmons, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) chief sprints coach, fears for the future. "It really is a concern," he said. "In the eyes of the kids, rugby is a big draw. They think 'I can earn x amount of money and I am not going to earn anything like that as an athlete'."

Outside the top twenty British athletes, few earn a living from the sport; probably ten times that number can do so from rugby in England. In Scotland, 100 leading players have been offered contracts by the Scottish Rugby Union, worth £20,000 to £50,000 plus bonuses.

"In Scotland, you are talking about four people, maybe five, earning a living in athletics," Bunney said. "A couple of years ago, I made some money [in athletics], but not the kind of money you are talking about for the SRU contracts."

According to Kenny Milne, the former Scotland hooker and now coach at Heriot's, Bunney is approaching that standard. "Elliot could easily come into that category and could be thinking 'I did not take up rugby to make money, but now I am getting something for it'," he said.

> 'I do not need to be as quick as I was to be one of the quicker players'

"I do not think just any fast sprinter can make a success of rugby. Technically, Elliot may not be a great tackler, but he seems to enjoy the physical side. He has to work on his kicking because there are times when you have got to be able to kick, but he is in a different league for pace. Given a bit of space, it should be a try every time."

Bunney acknowledges that there is more to it than running. "It is knowing where to run, the angles," he said. He changed sports in 1994, before rugby went professional, because he had stopped enjoying athletics and, like John, has found rugby less demanding on his time.

"In my last year, I trained as hard as I could, got injured too often, got to the semi-finals of the Commonwealth Games, but so what?" Bunney said. "It is a lot easier to train with a team. In athletics, you have to do it yourself."

Coaches, mostly unpaid in athletics, may also be lost to rugby. Professional rugby coaches are a growing breed and clubs are beginning to recognise the potential value of a conditioning advisor. Chris Butler, who coached David Grindley to a British 400 metres record, went into rugby league with Wigan and Ade Mafe, an Olympic 200 metres finalist, on to the payroll of Chelsea FC.

John cited other reasons, as well as rugby money, for influencing his move — "Not making the Olympic team, frustration with the BAF system". He criticises the BAF for giving him no financial support this year and offering him poor racing opportunities in Britain. In its present parlous financial state, the federation cannot compete with rugby and athletics clubs, too, are impoverished.

Although Brad McStravick, a BAF coach, is doing what he can for Sampson on the track, there have been no carrots of the kind that he is getting from Wasps. "He is in a comfortable situation," Brian Sampson, his father, said. "They finance his college fees and accommodation."

According to his mother, Christine, the teenager is leaning towards rugby "because he is getting paid for it". Increasingly, rugby's tackle threatens to flatten athletics.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Colts are finally broken by Christie

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE last remaining unblemished record in the National Football League disappeared on Sunday night when Indianapolis Colts, for so long one of the sport's whipping boys, went down 16-13 to Buffalo Bills.

Steve Christie's 39-yard field goal, with about five minutes left in overtime, secured victory for the Bills over their AFC East division rivals. It was also Christie who had tied the game in regulation time with a 37-yard attempt.

With Indianapolis and Buffalo both having 4-1 records, the pressure is mounting on Miami Dolphins, who lost for the second match in succession without Dan Marino, their injured quarterback. John Friesz, making his first start of the season for Seattle Seahawks, threw three long touchdown passes in a 22-15 victory.

The same division also produced the highest-scoring match of the weekend as New England Patriots survived a furious fourth-quarter comeback by Baltimore Ravens to triumph 46-38. Drew Bledsoe, the Patriots quarterback, had earlier inspired his team to score on five successive possessions.

Green Bay Packers continue to set the pace in the NFC Central division. Brett Favre passed for four touchdowns, including two to Antonio Freeman, and Don Beebe returned a kick-off 90 yards for a score to lead the Packers to a 37-6 rout of Chicago Bears. Like Denver Broncos, who beat San Diego Chargers 28-17 in the AFC West division, the Packers have a 5-1 record.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: New England 46 Baltimore 38; Green Bay 37 Chicago 6; Detroit 28 Atlanta 24; Seattle 22 Miami 15; Minnesota 14 Carolina 12; Oakland 34 New York Jets 13; Buffalo 16 Indianapolis 13 (OT); Denver 28 San Diego 17; New Orleans 17 Jacksonville 13; San Francisco 28 St Louis 11; Houston 30 Cincinnati 27 (OT).

American Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	72	74
Indianapolis	4	1	89	66
Miami	3	2	119	79
New England	3	2	125	104
NY Jets	0	6	75	166
Central division				
Pittsburgh	3	1	94	63
Houston	3	2	126	117
Baltimore	2	3	104	130
Jacksonville	2	4	116	119
Cincinnati	1	4	97	112
West division				
Denver	5	1	141	93
Kansas City	4	1	110	75
San Diego	4	2	145	144
Oakland	2	4	119	113
Seattle	2	4	93	153
National Conference				
East division				
Washington	5	1	103	66
Philadelphia	3	2	108	111
Arizona	2	3	82	131
Dallas	2	3	87	76
NY Giants	2	3	58	97
Central division				
Green Bay	5	1	204	72
Minnesota	5	1	114	92
Detroit	4	2	141	87
Chicago	2	4	80	125
Tampa Bay	0	5	45	126
West division				
San Francisco	4	1	135	62
Carolina	3	2	100	71
St Louis	1	4	75	126
New Orleans	1	5	87	137
Atlanta	0	5	82	152

(Not including last night's game, Kansas City v Pittsburgh)

FIXTURES: Sunday: Atlanta v Houston, Buffalo v Miami; Carolina v St Louis; Dallas v Arizona, Jacksonville v New York Jets; New Orleans v Chicago, New England v Washington, Pittsburgh v Cincinnati; Tampa Bay v Minnesota; New York Giants v Philadelphia; Oakland v Detroit; Indianapolis v Baltimore Monday: Green Bay v San Francisco

ICE HOCKEY

Steelers defence stands firm

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

IN THE semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, Sheffield Steelers, the holders, will play Nottingham Panthers in a repeat of the 1995 final, while Basingstoke Bison will meet Ayr Scottish Eagles.

In the three quarter-final, second-leg games on Sunday, the team which had won the first legs went on to qualify, but all three were close-run affairs. The Steelers, taking a three goal lead to Newcastle, beat the Cobras 2-0, with Rob Wilson scoring in the second period and Nicky Chinn in the third, but it was the well-organised Sheffield defence that played a vital role, restricting the Cobras to only 16 shots, all of which were saved by Piero Greco.

The Eagles, with a two-goal lead from the first leg, went three ahead on aggregate after only nine minutes, but Manchester Storm pulled one back less than a minute later. Two second-period goals made the game safe for the Eagles.

Bracknell Bees will soon have a complex about Basingstoke Bison. Beaten 5-3 in the first leg in Basingstoke, despite leading 3-1 at one stage, they were 4-0 ahead midway through the second period of the second leg, but Blake Knox pulled a goal back for the Bison and, by the fourth minute of the final period, they were level on the night and had restored their overall two-goal lead. Knox took his personal tally to four goals by the end of the game, which the Bison won 6-5 to go through 11-8 on aggregate.

In the game in Cardiff on Saturday, the Panthers wiped out their one-goal deficit from the first leg by beating beat the Devils 4-3. A ten-minute overtime period failed to produce a goal, but the Panthers won 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out — Mike Blaisdell, their player/coach, scoring the decisive goal.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship
Qualifying group two
England v Poland (at Molineux, 7.45) . . . . .

Group four
Estonia v Scotland (at Kadriorg Stadium, Tallinn, 1.0) . . . .

Group eight
Ireland v Macedonia (at Dalymount Park, 7.45) . . . . .

Nationwide League
First division
Huddersfield v Birmingham (7.45) . . . .

Second division
Peterborough v Notts County . . . .
Wrexham v Shrewsbury . . . .

Scottish League Challenge Cup
Semi-final
St Johnstone v Montrose (7.45) . . . .

Spalding Cup
First round, first leg
Bath v Welling (7.45) . . . . .
Dover v Rushden and Diamonds (7.45)
Hallfax v Altrincham (7.45) . . . . .
Kettering v Slough (7.45) . . . . .
Stalybridge v Telford (7.45) . . . .

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, first leg: Ashford v Tonbridge Angels; Atherstone v VS Rugby; Buckingham Town v Cambridge City, Chelmsford v Baldock, Cirencester Town v Forest Green; Erith and Belvedere v Margate; Gloucester v Cinderford; Gravesend and Northfleet v Sittingbourne; Halesowen Town v Stafford, Hastings v St Leonards Stamcroft; Hinckley Town v Nuneaton; Ilkeston v Gresley; Newport IOW v Havant; Redditch v Bilston, Shepshed D v RC Warwick; Stourbridge v Worcester, Sudbury v Fisher London, Sutton Coldfield Town v Moor Green; Tamworth v Bedworth; Wealdstone v Fleet T, Weston-super-Mare v Trowbridge, Weymouth v Fareham; Witney v Clevedon; Yate v Merthyr Tydfil

ICIS LEAGUE. Premier division: Staines v Chertsey Town First division: Abingdon Town v Walton and Hersham; Marlow v Leyton Pennant, Wokingham v Molesey

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge v Barrow; Chorley v Runcorn; Gainsborough v Emley; Lancaster v Blyth Spartans, Leek v Buxton First division: Atherton LR v Great Harwood; Curzon Ashton v Droylsden; Flixton v Leigh, Lincoln United v Eastwood Town, Matlock Town v Congleton, Nesherfield v Groma, Stocksbridge PS v Worksop; Warrington v Ashton United: Workington v Radcliffe

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v Ipswich (2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Oldham v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds (7.0) First division: Sheffield United v Port Vale (7.0) Second division: Manchester City v Grimsby (6.45); Rotherham v Stockport (7.0).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Rhyl; Barry v Carmarthen Town; Caersws v Ebbw Vale, Flint Town v Connah's Quay, Llansantffraid v Aberystwyth.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Semi-finals: Crusaders v Lutfield (at Oval); Glentoran v Portadown (at Mourneview Park)

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Feltham

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Senior Cup: Group D: Barkingside v Brimsdown

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aniesey v Hoddesdon

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Floodlit Trophy: First round, first leg: Atherton Collieries v Chadderton; Bacup v Salford; Burscough v Prescot; Castleton Gabriels v Rossendale Choadle v Newcastle Town; Eastwood H v Trafford, Hastingden v Glossop North End, Holker Old Boys v Blackpool Rovers; Nantwich v Kidsgrove, Oldham v Maine Road, Vauxhall GM v Mossley.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston v Diss; Lowestoft v Stowmarket; Wapon v Hadleigh U; Woodbridge v Sudbury

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Gosport v Totton; Thatcham v Bournemouth

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second qualifying round replays: Shotton Comrades v Washington; South Shields v Penrith, Bootle v Eccleshill, Shifnal T v Knowle; Rocester v Dunkirk, Meltees Blackstone v Witham, St Neots v Stamford, Tiptree v Stanway, Southwick v Mile Oak, Herne Bay v Sheerham, Glossop North End v Burscough, Brock House v Clapton

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Glasshoughton Welfare v Ossett Albion, Liversedge v Armthorpe Welfare; Thackley v Hallam; Ossett Town v Pontefract Colls; North Ferriby v Pickering.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Tunbridge Wells v Canterbury.

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Farsley Celtic v Bolton; Walsall Wood v Northwich; Marine v Bury; Wisbech v Cambridge United

OTHER MATCH: Sutton United v West Ham United.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Plymouth v Yeovil (at Home Park, 7.0) Tyne and Wear League: Under-15: Gateshead v South Tyneside; Newcastle v North Tyneside, Sunderland v Chester-le-Street. Under-14: Gateshead v South Tyneside, Newcastle v North Tyneside, Sunderland v Chester-le-Street.

RUGBY UNION

Anglo-Welsh Cup
Pool 1A
Leicester v Bridgend (7.45) . . . . .
Club match
Newport v Barbarians (7.0) . . . . .

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Podgorica v London (8.0)

ICE HOCKEY: European League: Lulea v Manchester (8.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Cradley Heath and Stoke v Poole (at Stoke, 7.45).

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sheffield)

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RACING: BIDDERS GATHER AS IMPRESSIVE ARC WINNER IS VALUED AT $30 MILLION

Helissio attracts big spenders

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

HELISSIO, the hottest property in racing after his majestic win in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, had a $30 million (about £19 million) price tag placed on his head yesterday — and the sport's big spenders are hovering.

Teruya Yoshida, who owns the largest stallion farm in Japan and has bought the likes of Pentire, Dr Devious, Tony Bin and Sunday Silence in recent years, was among the potential purchasers who spoke yesterday to Bruno Ridoux, the bloodstock agent who paid Fr350,000 (about £45,000) for Helissio as a foal. The Irish-based Coolmore Stud and Haras D'Etreham,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: **POLAR REFRAIN** (5.15 Redcar)
Next best: **Snow Falcon** (4.15 Redcar)

the French stud farm, also contacted Ridoux at his Winners agency near Saint-Cloud racecourse to inquire about Europe's new middle-distance champion.

"They are asking for any solution: to buy half the horse, to take an interest or to buy the whole horse," Ridoux said. "They are open to everything." Lammtarra was sold to a Japanese buyer for $30 million after winning the Derby, King George and Arc last season and "that sort of figure" is being sought for Helissio.

"Ideally, I would like to sell half the horse and keep him in training next year," Ridoux added. "Sportsmen deserve to see such a horse one more year, but it is not my decision."

PASCAL PAVANI



Peslier celebrates, and the number board confirms, the Arc victory which has made Helissio such a hot property

Ridoux was scheduled to have dinner in Paris last night with Enrique Sarasola, the Spanish owner of Helissio, to discuss the various options. A decision is likely within the week.

Whatever the outcome, Helissio will not race again this season after his scintillating performance at Longchamp. "It was magic," Ridoux said. "I would compare him with Ribot and Sea Bird. Mill Reef was a fantastic horse as well but I would rate him higher than Lammtarra. Lammtarra was a top horse but the way Helissio ran yesterday was something else. We were reaching the stars."

As the post mortem into the Arc continued yesterday, Kevin Prendergast, trainer of the third, Oscar Schindler, was scathing about the "very misjudged ride" given to the Irish St Leger winner by Cash Asmussen. Oscar Schindler was almost last entering the home straight, only to pass most of his rivals and nearly snatch the runner-up spot.

Prendergast believes the American jockey gave the Oliver Lehane-owned horse too much ground to make up on Helissio, who made all to score by five lengths. "The winner has had a solo in front, but we were trying to give a group one horse 100 yards start, which is an impossibility. Oscar Schindler met all sorts of trouble and was still last with two furlongs to go so he did well to be beaten just five lengths. I would blame the jockey because we told him to ride in fourth or fifth, not to go round in last."

Oscar Schindler has now gone into quarantine in preparation for a possible tilt at the Melbourne Cup, for which he has just 8st 13lb. However, Lehane said yesterday he was keeping his options open and will not make a decision about Australia's most famous race for several days.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
1.30 Farhan. 2.00 Hever Golf Lover. 2.30 Royal Born. 3.00 Maraud. 3.30 Kevasingo. 4.00 Inchcailloch. 4.30 Dragonada. 5.00 Raed.

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1.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BRINKLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,428: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(9)			COLD LAZARUS R Phillips 8-11	R Perham	–
2	(6)		52	FARHAN 10 P Makwyn 9-11	R Hills	(5)
3	(2)		50	MIYAKI BT J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	–
4	(11)		00	UNOSSOTS 52 (B) P Mitchell 8-11	G Duffield	–
5	(10)		02	POLAR FLIGHT 12 M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	85
6	(7)			PRINCE JORDAN I Campbell 8-11	M Wigham	–
7	(3)			REGAL REFRAIN D Lewis 8-11	S Whitworth	–
8	(4)		0	RHAPSODY IN WHITE 17 M Jarvis 8-11	P Bloomfield	–
9	(1)			SUCH PRESENCE R Bridgwater 8-11	W Supple	–
10	(8)		00	TARTAN PARTY 13 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	72
11	(5)		0	THORNTON 33 J Gosden 8-11	J Carroll	81

5-4 Farhan, 4-1 Polar Flight, 5-1 Thornton, 8-1 Regal Reprimand, 12-1 others.

2.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,171: 6f) (15)

1	(2)		0	TRIPLE HAY 32 R Hannon 8-9	Dane O Neill	90
2	(11)			WING OF A PRAYER W Jarvis 8-9	J Reid	–
3	(5)		4	FORCING BID 9 M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	77
4	(7)		4	GABLESEA 20 B Hanbury 8-9	W Lord	(5)
5	(10)		0	MAXWELL A Hide 8-9	A McGlone	–
6	(9)			FLEUVE D'OR D Haydn Jones 8-9	S Drowne	–
7	(4)			LADY SHIRL P Mitchell 8-9	J Quinn	–
8	(6)			BALLERINA'S DREAM M Meade 7-13	N Adams	–
9	(8)		0	HEVER GOLF LOVER 21 T Naughton 7-13	M Henry (3)	89
10	(1)			COLLEGE PRINCESS C Dwyer 7-12	Jo Hunnam (7)	–
11	(12)		0	GOLA MAIDEN 17 P Haywood 7-12	C Rutter	–
12	(14)			RISKY MISSILE J Eyres 7-12	D Day	–
13	(13)			SPICETRESS J Spearing 7-12	M Worley (3)	–

9-4 Colegreve, 7-2 Fortune End, 5-1 Gablesea, 6-1 Hever Golf Lover, 7-1 others.

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BRINKLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,428: 7f) (10)

1	(5)		0	BURUNDI 13 P Chapple-Hyam 9-11	J Reid	99
2	(6)		4	CRYSTAL HEARTED 20 H Cuthbert 8-11	A McGlone	(3)
3	(10)		6	DEAD AIM 13 I Balding 8-11	W Ryan	85
4	(9)			GINZBOURG J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	–
5	(7)		05	MANWAL 47 B Hanbury 8-11	R Hills	94
6	(8)			PRESENT CHANCE B McMahon 8-11	L Newton (5)	–
7	(3)			PRIX DE CLERMONT G Lewis 8-11	A Whelan (3)	–
8	(1)		4	ROYAL BORN 12 W Jarvis 8-11	S Davies	91
9	(7)			SHARP DEED P Mohan 8-11	G Duffield	–
10	(4)		56	WOBBLE 12 W Haggas 8-11	R McGhin	71

5-2 Burundi, 5-1 Crystal Hearted, Royal Born, 6-1 Ginzbourg, 7-1 others.

3.00 CHEF'S LARDER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,354: 1m) (20)

1	(18)	1634		SINECURE 19 (F) J Gosden 9-7	J Carroll	96
2	(13)	2020		FLOTILLA 60 (BF) M Prescott 9-3	G Duffield	88
3	(16)	1042		I CAN'T REMEMBER 12 (F,S) P Evans 9-3	J F Egan	94
4	(11)	665		SUDEST 27 I Balding 9-2	Martin Dwyer (5)	88
5	(9)	010		INTERDREAM 18 (F) R Hannon 9-1	Dane O'Neill	86
6	(17)	643		HIGH EXTREME 14 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	J Reid	84
7	(3)	040		CARLYS QUEST 17 J Neville 8-11	R Hughes	87
8	(8)	340		CITY GAMBLER 13 J Bosley 8-10	M Hills	82
9	(7)	0322		MARAUD 38 J Spearing 8-8	S Drowne	90
10	(12)	004		RIGHTY HO 20 P Walwyn 8-8	T Sprake	95
11	(19)	1430		PRINCESS OF HEARTS 14 (F) B Meehan 8-8	M Tebbutt	93
12	(20)	0002		HEART FULL OF SOUL 6 (B) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	98
13	(15)	540		NOBLE HERO 13 J Sheehan 8-6	C Rutter	84
14	(5)	0012		CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER 14 (D,F) J Pearce 9-5	R Hills	97
15	(4)	000		ROSENKAVALIER 25 L Cottrell 8-5	J Quinn	90
16	(14)	2000		SKELTON SOVEREIGN 12 R Hollinshead 8-2	F Lynch (3)	96
17	(6)	5061		SCARROTS 20 (F) S Williams 8-1	M Henry (3)	(5)
18	(2)	6665		DEE PEE TEE CEE 18 (F) M W Easterby 8-1	A McGlone	93
19	(10)	1445		HELLO DOLLY 40 (G) K Burke 8-1	S Drowne	91
20	(1)	005		MENDOZA 14 D Murray Smith 8-1	N Adams	91

7-1 High Extreme, 8-1 Heart Full Of Soul, Sinecure, I Can't Remember, 12-1 others.

3.30 WROXHALL CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,428: 1m 2f 169yd) (20)

1	(15)	6504		PROUD IMAGE 38 (F,S) G Lewis (Ire) 4-10-0	J Reid	89
2	(5)	0150		KETASI 26 (F,G) H Akehurst 5-9-11	T Quinn	91
3	(12)	4064		IT'STHEBUSINESS 8 (V,F) S Dow 4-9-9	A Daly (5)	95
4	(14)	6060		EWAR BOLD 6 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-9	T Sprake	97
5	(12)	2562		ARABOYBILL 111 (B,F,G) J Neville 5-9-6	R Hughes	93
6	(11)	6643		KEVASINGO 10 (B,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-5	M Hills	91
7	(1)	0030		BLAZE OF DAA 15 J Berry 5-9-2	R Fitzroy (7)	97
8	(16)	5400		PROUD BRIGADIER 6 (E,F,G,S) P Bevan 5-9-2	A Whelan (3)	97
9	(10)	5520		SAMARA SONG 8 (F,G) M Tarnes 3-9-2	D McGaffin (7)	98
10	(9)	5630		CLUED UP 6 (B,F) P Evans 3-9-2	J F Egan	97
11	(20)	3000		INAMINT 32 (B) H Cecil 3-9-7	J Quinn	98
12	(18)	3500		HILL FARM DANCER 29 (D,F,G) W Stephenson 5-9-0	D Collins (5)	93
13	(17)	005		PETROS PRIDE 14 M Pipe 3-9-0	P Bloomfield	87
14	(3)	000		BACA BY DAWN 45 D Elsworth 3-9-0	D Harrison	86
15	(19)	4352		RACING BRENDA 36 (F,G) B Morgan 5-9-12	S Whitworth	96
16	(6)	2621		COMEDY RIVER 28 (G) M Berry 5-8-12	Dane O Neill	95
17	(14)	5520		PAT'S SPLENDOUR 21 (F) H Candy 4-9-11	M Rimmer	88
18	(2)	006		MONTE FELICE 29 G Harwood 3-8-11	G Duffield	90
19	(7)	0001		IN CAHOOTS 15 (F) A Hide-Combe 3-8-11	J Carroll	97
20	(18)	0005		CHESTERNE 35 P Makin 3-8-10	W Ryan	(5)

4-1 Noorayaa, 6-1 Intrepidness, 7-1 Keepsie, 9-1 Comrosa, Rose, 10-1 Close Up, 12-1 Racing Brenda, 14-1 others.

4.00 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£3,119: 2m 20yd) (12)

1	(9)	3603		PARADISE NAVY 11 (B,D,F,G) C Egerton 7-10-0	F Lynch	94
2	(5)	0-02		INCHCAILLOCH 8 (F,G,S) J Hetherton 7-9-9	R Havlin	(3)
3	(4)	0530		KOTA 17 (D,F,G,S) J L Harris 7-9-6	C Teague	93
4	(12)	2043		CHILDREN'S CHOICE 3 (F,S) C Allen 5-9-2	G Milligan	99
5	(6)	00-0		RED RAJA 18 P Mitchell 3-9-1	S Drowne	89
6	(11)	3511		MISCHIEF STAR 19 (D,F,G) D Elsworth 5-9-0	D Griffiths	97
7	(1)	0330		COLERIDGE 69 (B,C,D,F,G,S) J Sheehan 9-9-0	C Webb	91
8	(10)	0-0		SPECIAL RISA 20 (G,S) R Hannon 6-8-5	D Denby	–
9	(13)	005-		SAAFI 416 R Bakes 5-7-4	A McCarthy (4)	–
10	(7)	0013		BROUGHTONS FORAULA 17 (B,D,F,G) W Harrison 6-6-5	M Baird	93
11	(8)	2030		PARKLIFE 182 (BF) P Haslam 4-6-0	R Mullen	89
12	(9)	12-0		ACROW LINE 26J (D,F,G) D Bouchell 11-7-12	P Fessey	89

4-1 Inchcailloch, 5-1 Paradise Navy, Mischief Star, 7-1 Children's Choice, Broughtons Formula, 9-1 Red Raja, Special Risa, 10-1 others.

4.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,565: 7f) (15)

1	(15)		33	ALL IN LEATHER 19 (F) J Berry 8-11	M Hills	95
2	(9)			AQUATIC QUEEN K Weaver 8-11	A Daly (5)	–
3	(6)		0	DOBBIT 20 R Akehurst 8-11	J Weaver	99
4	(14)		2	DRAGONADA 14 (BF) H Cecil 8-11	Pat Eddery	(5)
5	(11)		0	FAIR RELATION 57 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	–
6	(1)		0	LONELY HEART 17 C Chappell 8-11	R Hills	78
7	(2)		253	MAYFLOWER 22 I Balding 8-11	D Harrison	99
8	(3)		24	MILE VALLEY 10 P Chapple-Hyam 9-11	J Reid	88
9	(10)		0	PIRONGIA 28 P Harding 8-11	G Duffield	–
10	(16)		2645	ROYAL ORCHID 59 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	88
11	(18)			SHE'S DAWAN P Mitchell 8-11	J Quinn	–
12	(12)		5	STAR ENTRY 20 W Jarvis 8-11	J Weaver	73
13	(4)		3	SUPERBELLE 20 M Jarvis 8-11	Emma O'Gorman	92
14	(13)			SWEETEN UP H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	–
15	(7)		0	TEUTONIC LASS 31 P Walwyn 8-11	J Carroll	–

6-4 Dragonada, 4-1 Mayflower, 7-1 Mile Valley, 8-1 Sweeten Up, Royal Orchid, 10-1 Superbelle, 12-1 All In Leather, 14-1 others.

4.45 SCARBOROUGH HANDICAP (£3,378: 1m 1f) (16 runners)

601	(5)		403006	SPANISH VERDICT 11 (C,F,G,S) (Cox & Allen Ltd) Denys Smith 9-9-10	K Fallon	98
602	(6)		560654	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 14 (B) Beale) M Berry 3-9-9	Darren Moffatt (3)	92
603	(10)		2-536	ONEFORTHEDITCH 19 (BF) (Dik Clift Foals of 1993) J Gosden 3-9-9	L Dettori	98
604	(4)		354164	ESSAYEFFSEE 11 (C,F,G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-8	K Darley	95
605	(14)		033500	DISPOL GEM 11 (W Insom) G Oldroyd 5-9-5	G Faulkner (5)	96
606	(11)		311405	BULSARA 9 (C,D,F) (Tweseme Nurseries Ltd) C Fairhurst 4-9-8	D McKeown	96
607	(15)		000020	KHABAR 36 (Mrs N Sadler) R Bastiman 3-9-5	N Bastiman (5)	95
608	(13)		2420	VANADIUM DRE 3 (V) (E E Garth Ormerod) J Eyre 3-9-4	T Williams	90
609	(9)		004433	ADVANCE EAST 35 (A Monk) M Dods 4-9-4	J Fortune	95
610	(2)		020000	SPANISH STRIPPER 11 (C,F) (T Satchell) M Chapman 5-9-2	P McCabe (3)	98
611	(8)		610010	YOUR MOST WELCOME 18 (G) (Mrs J Lambert) D Brosch Davis 5-9-2	G Parkin (5)	90
612	(7)		126403	CEE-JAY-AY 11 (F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 9-8-1	P Roberts (5)	97
613	(3)		612102	EUROBOX BOY 20 (F) (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 3-9-0	R Cochrane	(5)
614	(1)		0-00622	WESTERN VENTURE 9 (F) (W Graham) R McKellar 3-8-12	S Sanders	96
615	(12)		950002	AWESOME VENTURE 11 (C,G,S) M Chapman 5-8-12	D R McCabe	98
616	(16)		012005	SQUARED AWAY 11 (B,C,F) (Mrs E Lake) J Payne 4-8-11	A Clark	94

BETTING: 4-1 Onefortheditch, 6-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 7-1 Eurobox Boy, 8-1 Essayeffsee, 10-1 Awesome Venture, 12-1 Absolute Utopia, Advance East, 14-1 others.

1995: ALMUHTARAM 3-8-7 A Whelan (14-1) Miss G Kelleway 16 ran

5.00 MOP FAIR LIMITED STAKES (£3,807: 1m) (17)

1	(7)		0001	MASTER BEVELED 2 (D,F,G,S) P Evans 6-9-4	J F Egan	94
2	(12)		5004	DANCING HEART 21 (F,G) B Meehan 4-9-1	M Tebbutt	92
3	(2)		-006	NINEACRES 14 (V,F,G) N Babbage 5-9-1	R Hughes	71
4	(11)		2305	NORTH REEF 14 (D,G,S) M Prescott 5-9-1	G Duffield	93
5	(5)		-856	SHALTA CHIEF 39 E Dixon jun 4-9-1	R Cody-Boutcher (7)	80
6	(17)		0500	BARBRALLEN 21 (Mrs L Jowell 4-8-12	Sophie Mitchell (5)	70
7	(13)		-540	BELZAD 104 D Elsworth 3-8-12	D Griffiths (5)	90
8	(4)		5050	DETACHMENT 59 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12	J Reid	85
9	(3)		6600	DISALLOWED 20 (F) M Bell 3-8-12	M Fenton	98
10	(8)		5130	DISTINCT BEAUTY 136 (D,BF,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-12	Emma O'Gorman	96
11	(9)		50-0	IMPENDING DANGER 56 R Bridgwater 5-8-12	V Slattery	–
12	(16)		4040	RAED 19 P Walwyn 3-8-12	R Hills	(5)
13	(6)		6540	SINGAPORE STING 35 (D,F) H Cecil 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	88
14	(15)		010	TORMOUNT 234 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12	D Harrison	88
15	(14)		503	DAMLORA 17 W Jarvis 3-8-9	J Weaver	94
16	(11)		5506	HADADABBLE 11 Pat Mitchell 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill	83
17	(10)		3300	POLLY GOLIGHTLY 22 (F,G) M Blanshard 3-8-9	J Quinn	91

5-1 Master Beveled, 6-1 North Reef, 7-1 Dancing Heart, Singapore Sting, 12-1 Damlora, Belzad, Distinct Beauty, 14-1 others.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Canon Can	10-3	7-2	7-2	4-1
Jiyush	9-2	4-1	4-1	5-1
Orchestra Stall	7-1	6-1	7-1	7-1
Ballynakelly	10-1	10-1	10-1	12-1
Candle Smile	10-1	12-1	8-1	12-1
Trainglot	12-1	12-1	12-1	16-1
Ivor's Flutter	10-1	10-1	10-1	14-1
Northern Fleet	16-1	14-1	14-1	16-1
French Ivy	25-1	25-1	25-1	20-1
Harbour Island	33-1	20-1	25-1	33-1

The Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday week provides the second leg of the Autumn Double. When compared to the cavalry charge of the Cambridgeshire, the Cesarewitch appears much easier to solve.
After first taking out a licence to train in 1951, Tom Jones is to bring the curtain down on his illustrious career at the end of this Flat season. Few in racing would begrudge him one final big-race success, and in Jiyush he has an excellent chance to go out on a high.
He broke his duck over a mile and three-quarters at York, before winning with remarkable ease over the Cesarewitch trip at Yarmouth. As both of those successes came after the Cesarewitch weights were published, he is able to race off a pound lower mark than he did at Yarmouth. At 9-2 with Coral, JIYUSH should not be missed.
Canon Can appeared to put up a much improved effort when winning a four-runner race at Pontefract last month, but the form of that slowly run race should not be taken literally. He merits respect as he remains lightly raced, but the 4-1 on offer makes little appeal.
Ballynakelly has won all six starts this season, but has crept up in the weights as a result and is not certain to stay. However, Orchestra Stall was impressive at Newcastle last time and will go well if ground remains fast.

REDCAR

THUNDERER
2.15 Take Notice
2.45 Santa Rosa
3.15 Eurolink Spartacus
3.45 Hi Nod
4.15 Hoofprints
4.45 ONEFORTHEDITCH (nap)
5.15 Polar Refrain

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 SANTA ROSA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 PLAISIR D'AMOUR (nap). 3.15 River Of Fortune. 3.45 Monaassib.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 GUISBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,003: 6f) (14 runners)

101	(2)		00	FARO FLYER 15 (K Saunders) K Ivory 9-0	D Biggs	–
102	(12)		3	GAD YAKOUN 20 (M Johnson) M Meagher 9-0	J Fortune	65
103	(5)		5-23	MINOLETTI 17 (Mrs J Dunlop) E Dunlop 9-0	K Fallon	86
104	(1)		2-65220	NILGIRI HILLS 17 (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-0	K Darley	92
105	(9)		4030	TAKE NOTICE 28 (R Abdulla) E Harwood 9-0	A Clark	(5)
106	(13)		0400	BENT RAWAND 30 (E Iscitra) E Imrosa 8-9	Kim Tinkler	80
107	(8)			CARREAMMA (J Elias) J Eyre 8-9	R Lappin	–
108	(10)		4	DAISY BATES 31 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9	G Hind	72
109	(6)		36	DEWHURST HOUSE 20 (W Kelly) W Haigh 8-9	D R McCabe	74
110	(4)		000	HONEYHALL 10 (S McLaughlin) N Byrnett 8-9	A Culhane	–
111	(7)		8	LAWSMINDA 29 (Mrs M Fanous) Mrs J Craze 8-9	N Connorton	–
112	(11)		533020	MERRILY 43 (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 8-9	G Faulkner (5)	91
113	(3)			VOLLEY (Three Shires Racing) J Berry 8-9	G Carter	–
114	(14)		3-602	WOLLSTONECRAFT 21 (Mrs R Hood) J Gosden 8-9	L Dettori	93

BETTING: 5-2 Wollstonecraft, 3-1 Nilgiri Hills, 5-1 Take Notice, 7-1 Minoletti, 10-1 Gad Yakoun, 12-1 Daisy Bates, Merrily, 14-1 Volley, Dewhurst House, 16-1 others.

1995: INTIAASH 8-9 R Hills (7-2) P Walwyn 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAD YAKOUN 3¼l 3rd of 14 to Manolo in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with DEWHURST HOUSE 4½l 6th and BENT RAWAND 3¼l 9th. MINOLETTI 6l and neck 3rd of 13 to Don Bosso in maiden at Catterick (7f, good to firm). Previously 2l 2nd of 19 to River Tern in maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) with DEWHURST HOUSE head 3rd, DAISY BATES ½l 4th, WOLLSTONE CRAFT 5½l 7th and HONEYHALL ½l 10th. NILGIRI HILLS head 2nd of 14 to Disputed in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. TAKE NOTICE 2½l 3rd of 12 to Provance in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. MERRILY 2½l 2nd of 13 to Barranak in maiden at Ripon (5f, good) on penultimate start with HONEYHALL 20½l 13th. WOLLSTONECRAFT 3l 2nd of 6 to Saheeel in maiden at Yarmouth (5f, good). Selection: NILGIRI HILLS

2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PICKERING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,834: 6f) (8 runners)

201	(8)		5	COME DANCING 17 (P Wetzel) M Johnston 8-11	M Roberts	86
202	(6)		0	FLOOD'S HOT STUFF 53 (R Flood Bloodstock Ltd) M Channon 8-11	A Clark	–
203	(4)		6	GOLLACCIA 10 (Mrs H Calonne) G Moore 8-11	J Tate	–
204	(7)		4	PLAISIR D'AMOUR 10 (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-11	L Dettori	96
205	(5)		4	SANTA ROSA 45 (C Humphris) J Dunlop 8-11	K Darley	(5)
206	(1)		4	SPLASHED 45 (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 8-11	J Fortune	82
207	(3)		5	TYCOON GIRL 14 (F Wilson) B Meehan 8-11	B Doyle	91
208	(2)		66	WALTZ TIME 9 (M Sawers) Mrs L Piggott 8-11	A Culhane	89

BETTING: 7-4 Santa Rosa, 5-2 Plaisir d'Amour, 5-1 Tycoon Girl, 6-1 Splashed, 7-1 Come Dancing, 12-1 Gollaccia, 14-1 others.

1995: CHALAMONT 8-11 K Darley (7-2) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

COME DANCING 7¼l 6th of 9 to Amyas in maiden at Catterick (6f, good to firm). FLOOD'S HOT STUFF 22l last of 19 to Catcheisim in maiden at Newbury (6f, good). PLAISIR D'AMOUR 8¼l 4th of 5 to Lochangel in conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to firm). SANTA ROSA 15l 4th of 8 to Reams Of Verse in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). SPLASHED 13l 4th of 10 to Starborough in maiden at Thirsk (6f, good). TYCOON GIRL 8l 5th of 9 to Much Commended in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). WALTZ TIME 7¼l 6th of 8 to Yorkie George in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good). Selection: SANTA ROSA

3.15 MALTON CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,120: 7f) (20 runners)

301	(18)		0	DIGITAL OPTION 17 (P Leonard) P Webber 9-2	K Fallon	–
302	(20)			EUROLINK RASCAL (Eurolink Group Plc) R Akehurst 9-2	R Cochrane	–
303	(11)		3544	EUROLINK SPARTACUS 18 (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 9-2	L Dettori	95
304	(7)		54566	ITALIAN SYMPHONY 17 (B) (P Savill) M Johnston 9-2	K Darley	93
305	(13)		4425	NORBRECK HOUSE 48 (B) (J Brown) J Berry 9-0	G Carter	83
306	(15)		03	IBN MASIRAH 15 (G Thomson) Mrs M Reveley 8-12	S Copp (5)	84
307	(5)		222220	RIVER OF FORTUNE 13 (BBA Fortune In Mind) M Tompkins 8 11	G Faulkner (5)	(5)
308	(14)		00	HURSILL KING 15 (The Hursill Lodge Partnership) J Watts 8-10	G Hind	–
309	(17)		432008	JACK SAYS 18 (B) (Ryedale Associates) T Easterby 8-8	M Birch	89
310	(10)		0	PUPIL MASTER 19 (I Darling) Denys Smith 8-8	L Charnock	83
311	(3)			BOLD ENGAGEMENT (Sindh and Allan Oils Racing Club) M Dods 8-7	N Kennedy	–
312	(6)		5300	KITTY GALORE 6 (D Graham) M Dods 8-5	R Lappin	81
313	(12)		5	CAPTAIN FLINT 98 (Mrs G Wood) A Smith 8-4	D McKeown	–
314	(4)		666000	CANTSAYNOWT 19 (W Graham) R McMillan 8-3	J McAuley (7)	71
315	(1)		65	MURROW WALLACE 19 (H D Darnell) F Norton 8-3	F Norton	86
316	(2)		00000	SILENT VALLEY 8 (B) (Brendan Racing Ltd) B Meehan 8-3	B Doyle	85
317	(9)		454006	ODDFELLOWS GIRL 22 (D Mullaney) M Bycroft 8-1	J Fanning	84
318	(19)		544500	PETRINE GRAY 3 (Mrs P Needham) T Easterby 8-1	D R McCabe	83
319	(8)		435405	RIVONIA 19 (BF) (B Hathaway) Mrs J Ramsden 8-1	S Sanders	94
320	(16)		5006	MAREMMA 6 (F Iscisa) E Iscisa 7-13	Kim Tinkler	86

BETTING: 7-2 Eurolink Spartacus, 6-1 Italian Symphony, 7-1 River Of Fortune, 10-1 Rivonia, 12-1 Ibn Masirah, 14-1 Norbreck House, Eurolink Rascal, 16-1 others.

1995: NAPOLEON'S RETURN 7-11 A Whelan (13-2 fav) A Foster 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

EUROLINK SPARTACUS 5¼l 4th of 12 to Ball Paradise in nursery at Newbury (7f, 64yd, good to firm). ITALIAN SYMPHONY about 3¼l 6th of 9 to Gipsy Princess in nursery at Catterick (7f, good to firm). NORBRECK HOUSE 4l 2nd of 7 to Abstone Queen in seller at Catterick (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with ODDFELLOWS GIRL (B6 better off) head and 2½l 4th. IBN MASIRAH 3½l and 3l 3rd of 12 to Imperial Music in claimer at Musselburgh (1m, good to firm) with HURSILL KING (11lb better off) 20l 10th. RIVER OF FORTUNE 16l 2nd of 12 to White Hot in maiden auction at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. SILENT VALLEY best effort, short-head 2nd of 11 to Irish Fiction in seller at Brighton (7f, firm). RIVONIA best effort, 4¼l 4th of 7 to Parted Bliss in nursery at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). Selection: EUROLINK SPARTACUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
P Harris	7	27	25.9
E Dunlop	3	12	25.0
J Gosden	14	57	24.6
J Dunlop	11	48	22.9
J Harris	5	27	18.5
M Bell	8	50	16.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Cochrane	9	39	23.1
K Darley	60	287	20.9
G Hind	11	66	16.7
L Dettori	9	54	16.7
K Fallon	23	149	15.4
G Carter	10	68	14.7

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redcar: 3.15 Italian Symphony, Jack Says, Norbreck House. 5.15 Fate Phantasy. Warwick: 1.30 Mysosotis. 3.30 Inamint, Kevasingo. 5.00 Disallowed.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor

FOOTBALL

Hoddle not afraid to tackle the refereeing debate

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, who never won a ball through force in his life, came down solidly on behalf of referees when he spoke at England's training camp yesterday of the acrimony that has grown between those who play and coach and those who arbitrate this season.

Bisham Abbey was a place of soothing calm. England's players had been wise enough to allow Hoddle, their coach, to be "a shared winner" of the squad golf tournament on Sunday, but Hoddle was emphatic when he said: "I've had a chat with one or two this past week — we need a breed of new defenders, we have to coach them into actually tackling for the ball. Tackling is an art, Bobby Moore was a great example of that. But youth coaches are now going to have to concentrate on teaching the art all over again, because I don't think referees are going to change. I think it is us who are going to have to change."

Hoddle, doing rather more than merely preparing a squad now shorn, by the withdrawals of Dominic Matteo and Robbie Fowler, to 21 participants, puts principle before pragmatism.

As a creative player, sometimes hacked out of the game, he recalls that players such as Claudio Gentile, of Italy, had the first ten minutes of a match to get away with crude destruction. "But now that the referees are clamping down, as we all saw at the 1994 World Cup, it should benefit people who want to create, and forwards who play with their back towards defenders. The Gentile situation — what happened to Maradona — should be a thing of the past. The game will benefit."

Hoddle's little homily was almost over. But he added that he had spoken specifically to two so-called hard men in his England selection. Stuart Pearce, whom Hoddle had paid the respect of talking out of intended retirement at the age of 34, was first.

"He's a bonus on the pitch and off it," said Hoddle, "because at this level you do need experience. Stuart can be positive in the verbal sense on the field, and in our little chat I spoke to him of needing to calm himself at certain times."

Of Ince, the ball winner and anchor in midfield, Hoddle said: "He's appreciated when to tackle, when to hold off. Once he stepped into a higher level in Italy [with Internazionale] he learnt the right time — otherwise players there would be around and away from you."

Ince received a yellow card, for what he deems his only and "definitely not malicious" foul of the game last month in Moldova. He faces Poland on Wednesday aware that a second yellow card would rule him out of a subsequent international, and that the same situation did not prevent him becoming embroiled in a World Cup qualifying match against Poland in Katowice in 1993.

That was the "headless chickens" affair in which England lost control in a bitter match. Did Ince now realise that he was one of the headless chickens? "Who said that?" he laughed. It was rhetorical, he knew the accusation came from the then manager, Graham Taylor.

"I've learnt to walk away, I was a bit hot-headed, stupid sometimes, a bit of a lunatic," he said in a torrent of admissions. Italy, he agrees, has imposed a certain control, a daily learning process. But in the mind of Ince it is fatherhood, the responsibility towards his own son, Thomas, that has affected him more.

"People think, because you have a yellow card, you are going to play nervously in the next match. I won't be playing against Poland in that frame of mind. I do think I'm a more controlled player now, but it wouldn't be me if I wasn't looking to get the first tackle in, it's what I enjoy, it's what people want from me, and when the time comes that I can't run around at my pace, get the foot in, operate in the thick of things, I don't think I would be effective. That might come in four or five years, and I'll pack it in."

With Pearce and Ince, grateful men both for Hoddle's faith in their ability, the sterner side of England is assured, even if it promises to be tempered. Last night the England squad were shown videos of Poland's last two games. "They are a tough side to beat," Hoddle said. "They've got good European players, coming in from different countries. They are going to be difficult to beat, and even in front of 76,000 of our supporters, we will have to show a little bit of patience to win it." Patience, and good control both of the ball and the tackles.



Ince and Alan Shearer celebrate a match-winning goal in a training game yesterday. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Allsport

Push on referee leads to four-match ban

GARY POOLE, the Birmingham City defender, has been suspended for four matches after being found guilty of pushing Richard Poulain, the referee in charge of their Nationwide League first division match against Manchester City on September 21 (Richard Hobson writes).

Poole was also fined £1,000 and ordered to pay costs after appearing before a three-man Football Association disciplinary panel yesterday, charged with misconduct.

Poole was suspended on the referee's evidence after the incident. He was sent off after Poulain awarded an 89th-minute penalty. He has already missed two matches, and will be available for the fixture away to Oxford United on October 18. Frank Sinclair, the last player to be found guilty on a similar charge, received a nine-match ban.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "The panel studied video evidence and that heavily influenced the decision." Poole refused to comment.

David Sullivan, the Birmingham joint-owner, has confirmed that he will retain his shares at the club pending the outcome of the Crown Court case against Karren Brady, the managing director, who faces charges under the Consumer Protection Act next month. Sullivan intimated on Friday that he would sell up in protest at the prosecution.

Stimac relishes chance for promotion

Richard Hobson meets the Derby County defender who is a footballing ambassador for his troubled homeland, Croatia

He is happier in a T-shirt and jogging bottoms than a suit, sports designer stubble and carries a boot bag instead of a briefcase. As ambassadors go, Igor Stimac, the new captain of Derby County, captain, is no Henry Kissinger, but, when it comes to promoting his country, he can teach the shirt and tie brigade a thing or two.

A walk along the pavements leading towards the Baseball Ground on match days provides colourful evidence of the impact made by Stimac in his adopted city. Supporters are beginning to exchange traditional white shirts with the ram motif for the red and white checks of Croatia.

"When I see this, I feel very proud for my country and for the people of Derby," Stimac, 29, said. Pride is a word that crops up frequently in conversation with the defender who draws on his worldly experience to ensure that football retains its perspective.

Four years ago, when the shelling of Dubrovnik by Serbian forces had ceased but war in the Balkans still raged, Stimac decided to leave the fledgeling Croatian league and Hajduk Split, his club, for Cádiz, the Spanish club. During two unhappy seasons there, he sat at the end of a telephone as what was once Yugoslavia continued to disintegrate and his family related tales of more casualties among his friends. A number are still missing, presumed dead.

"All of the time, I was worrying," he said. "It seemed like every day something terrible happened to people I knew, while all around me I saw lies in the newspapers and on televison. Serbian propaganda is very strong. That is why, now, I want the chance to show the world what Croatia is about."

There were few more poignant images during the European championship than the line of Croatia players thrusting an arm across their chest and placing a hand on their hearts as their national anthem began. Some of their individual tales were harrowing and the squad were united in grief, anger and patriotism.

The war may have concluded, but out of ceasefire sprang a new resolve and mission which did not end with a quarter-final defeat by Germany that is perhaps best remembered now for the second half sending-off of Stimac.

"Everywhere Croatians play, we are among the best in our teams," he said. "You do not see any of us creating problems and that is because we are good people with spirit and culture. It is my duty to do what I can and I do it through football. At the time of the war, I wondered whether I should stay and fight. If I had not found a club abroad, I would have taken up arms. You cannot wait for the enemy to come and knock at your door, but my skill is in football and this was the best way to serve. It is always my duty to be an ambassador for Croatia."



Stimac: influential

Stimac cost Derby £1.57 million when he left Split after a successful second spell last October. He has been described often since as aloof, arrogant, confident or all three. Essentially, he is a strong character whose influence on the club is palpable. Often, he does not so much make suggestions to Jim Smith, the manager, as tell him what to do.

It was on the word of Stimac that Smith bought Aljosa Asanovic, a second Croatian, before Euro 96. The compatriots are now neighbours in Littleover, near Derby, and Stimac acts as a translator for his friend. Back home, Stimac had a reputation as something of a playboy before he married a former Miss Yugoslavia in 1990, though he admits that it did not take an awful lot to constitute being a playboy there.

Suzana has also taken to English life, and their six-year-old son is well on the way to becoming bilingual, but Stimac's thoughts still return home frequently. He would have played alongside Slaven Bilic, of West Ham United, in the World Cup qualifier in Bologna against Bosnia ("There is conflict, but only sporting," he said) today, but for suspension. He will, though, still be watching from the stand and anticipates that his country will be at their peak for the finals in France.

Away from the game, too, he knows that there is still work to be done. "A lot of our country is shattered because the Serbs fought on our soil," he said. "Many cities and villages are destroyed and there is a big refugee problem. Next year, we hope to start again with tourism because Croatia has more than 1,000 islands and a beautiful coast." Ever the salesman.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

One of the exceptions to "second player plays low" is when a defender needs to preserve his partner's entry. This example is from the European youth championships.

Dealer South — Game all — IMPs

	♠Q 7 6 ♥Q 10 7 6 5 ♦K J 2 ♣K 5	
♠K J 9 8 3 ♥J 4 3 ♦A 9 7 ♣Q 9	N W E S	♠10 5 ♥A 9 2 ♦8 6 5 ♣J 8 7 4 3
	♠A 4 2 ♥K 8 ♦Q 10 4 3 ♣A 10 6 2	

Contract: 3 NT by South — Lead: Eight of spades

In the match between Norway and Finland, both South players ended up in 3 NT after showing a balanced minimum opening without four hearts. The juniors are never out of game on combined 24 counts, though, when I was a boy, the accepted standard was 25. Each declarer won the spade lead with the queen, and each played a heart to the king. East playing low. Now, the declarers knocked out the ace of diamonds, and later established their ninth trick in hearts, when West had no entry to his spades. The nine tricks were two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

Do you see East's error? He should go in with the ace of hearts immediately, and return a spade, allowing West to establish the suit. That way, the declarer has only eight tricks without the diamonds; obviously, West will take the first diamond and cash his spades.

Sometimes, plays of rising in second seat are difficult. This one was easier than most — East's possession of the nine of hearts meant that the declarer was not going to have a guess in the suit — if he had K x (x), he was always going to put up the king and, if necessary, finesse against West's jack on the way back.

The Great Northern Swiss Pairs was won at the weekend by Gill Messer and Rob Bannister, of Wiltshire. The runners-up, from Cambridge University, were Catherine Ashment and Giles Woodruff.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess auction

On October 18, at 2pm, Christie's, of South Kensington, will be auctioning collections of chess memorabilia. One of the most interesting items is a set of ten scorebooks kept by the participants in the British Empire Club Masters tournament of London, 1927.

This was one of the most important events in the history of British chess, an international tournament of the highest rank in which grandmasters such as Nimzowitsch, Tartakower, Vidmar, Bogolyubov, Reti and Marshall were competing. The ten scorebooks of the grandmasters' original handwritten records of their games are unique items. Those wishing to view them in advance should contact Christie's (tel: 0171-581 7611).

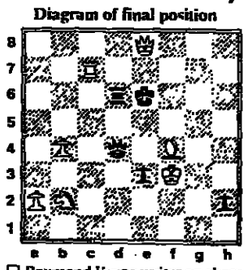
The nature of the chess played in the tournament was uncompromising, as can be seen from the following game between a co-winner and a two-time challenger for the world championship.

White: Savielly Tartakower
Black: Efim Bogoljubow
London, 1927

Ponziani Opening

1	e4	e5
2	f4?	Nc6
3	c3	Nf6
4	d4	d5
5	exd5	Qxd5
6	Be2	e4
7	Nfd2	c5
8	b4	Cxg2
9	Bf3	Qh3
10	Qe2	Ng4
11	Ne4	Qh4+
12	Kd1	Bd7
13	Ec2	0-0-0
14	Be1	Qe7
15	Bxg4	Qxe4
16	Bf3	Qg6
17	Nd2	f6
18	Bg3	h5
19	Rg1	h4
20	Bf2	Qf7
21	e4	Bd6
22	Be3	Na5
23	b4	Ba4+
24	Ke1	Nc6
25	Nc4	Bxh2
26	Nb2	Bxg1
27	Bxg1	Nxd4
28	cxd4	Bc6
29	d5	Bxd5
30	exd5	Rhe8
31	Be3	f5
32	Kf1	g5
33	Qf2	g4
34	Bh1	Rxd5
35	Bf4	Re4
36	Bxe4	fxe4
37	Kg1	g3
38	Qe3	Qf6
39	Rb1	Rf5
40	Qxa7	Rd5
41	Qa8–	Kd7
42	Qxb7	Qd4+
43	Kh1	e3
44	Rc1	g2+
45	Kxg2	h3+
46	Kf3	Ke6
47	Rxc7	h2
48	Qc6+	Rd6
49	Qe8+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TRIGRAPH
a. A mythical beast
b. Three letters one sound
c. Three-dimensional graph

TAMASHA
a. The tree-mole
b. Rice pudding
c. A bean-feast

TWATTLER
a. A chatterbox
b. A thatcher's ladderman
c. The treecreeper

UPPUTTER
a. Someone who puts up
b. The long putter
c. A moped

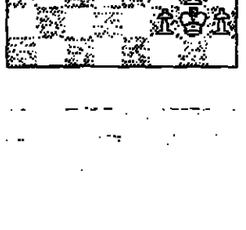
Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Ivkov — Garcia, Cuba, 1964. White seems to be doing very well. He has an extra passed pawn on d6 and a very active position. However, his rook on a6 is out of the game and Black now struck immediately to exploit this. How did he continue?

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Breen injury may force Irish shuffle

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

IRELAND'S list of absentees from the World Cup qualifying group eight match with Macedonia here tomorrow would worry most managers. Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, however, was more concerned yesterday about the future of international football than his team's growing injury list, even though the morning's training session produced further problems, with neither Gary Breen nor Alan Moore able to train.

The loss of Breen, who has quickly established himself as one of the new breed of Ireland defenders, who are comfortable on the ball, would force McCarthy to reshuffle his side; with Keane and Houghton already missing from midfield and Quinn from the attack, the loss of Moore would lessen his options still further. Breen has a sore shin, Moore a twisted ankle.

McCarthy, though, was heartened by the news that Andy Townsend, his captain, is fit, and he refused to worry about possible absentees. "If I lose Breen, someone else will come in and do the job," he said. "I've got a versatile squad and I'm not going to worry about things that I can't do anything about."

Given the lack of influence of managers in the councils of world football, whether McCarthy can do anything about the relative status of international and club football may be a moot point, but he and his counterparts are determined to try. Maintaining the central importance of the international game is concerning the Ireland manager.

He is not alone. Arrigo Sacchi, Aimé Jacquet, Glenn Hoddle and Bobby Gould, his opposite numbers in Italy, France, England and Wales, respectively, expressed similar concerns at the recent Uefa international managers' meeting in Copenhagen. "The fear is that importance is going away from international football because of the Champions' League," McCarthy said. "Now they are talking about a super league, but it would be bad for the game if international football is diminished. Playing for your country should be more important than anything else. Playing in the quarter-finals of the World Cup was the pinnacle of my career.

"I can understand that top club managers are reluctant to release players, even more so now because they cost millions of pounds and then, at the end of the contract, there's no transfer fee. If I were a league manager, I wouldn't be too happy about it either, but I still wouldn't stand in a player's way."

Brazilians seeking safe havens

ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

The world of creative football is turned upside down when one can say, with conviction, that it is better to be born McManaman of Merseyside than Savio of Rio de Janeiro. Better to be English than Brazilian? Pull the other one.

Yet it is true. Steve McManaman and Savio are players of the same generation, separated by an ocean and by a footballing ideology; but, without a doubt, the English ball-player is today a more protected species than the one bred in the land of *jogo bonito* — beautiful play.

Both as slight as sparrows and as quick as light, they are inviting targets to the thugs who would stop a superior player. Both have been raised to follow their instincts, to run at defenders with the ball, but, alarmingly, while in England there is such a hue and cry about the proliferation of red and yellow cards for tackles from behind, in Brazil, Savio has been savaged so often, without reprisal, that he must be close to submission.

A couple of weeks ago, before Flamengo, his club, played Corinthians, Savio, at 22, two years McManaman's junior, was given a chilling piece of advice. Mario Zagalo, the national coach, warned him: "Young man, take care. Cut down on the dribbling, or else they will cut you down at the shins."

Savio ignored the warning at his peril. He was hacked down by a two-footed kick from Alexandre Lopes. The perpetrator got away with a yellow card, Savio was back in the treatment room, bemoaning the fact that his aggressor had targeted an ankle that was already strapped through injury.

No wonder the prime finishers and playmakers of Brazil migrate. The three leading goalscorers in Spain are Ronaldo, Ravaldo and Romario. The footballers who give so much flavour to the J-League in Japan are principally Brazilian. There is even a Brazilian, Carlos Eduardo Castro de Souza, playing in the Albanian league — a clash of cultures if ever there was one.

While McManaman has come under the wing of Roy Evans, a most sensible coach who has some kind of job security, Savio tries to build a career amid insanity. In the Brazilian league, which has been in operation for three months, 11 of the 24 teams have sacked their managers. They call this "the dance of the coaches", and one club, Guarani, last week made the headlines for having dismissed its second manager of the campaign, and its ninth since the year began.

Just why Carbone was fired is reported with cynicism, amusement, machismo. Beto Zini, the Guarani president, apparently tried to call his coach via a mobile phone to give instructions during a game. "I told him I did not want this, and hung up," Carbone said. Zini then told the press that he had relieved the coach of his duties. "He didn't take seriously instructions he had been given," he said of a coach whose team had lost twice in ten matches. "He lost the game, and then went and had a beer with the coach of the opposition. I couldn't allow him to behave in that way."

With such presidents in the boardrooms, can anyone wonder that coaches, aware that their tenure will be fly-by-night, organise destruction rather than creation?

"The violence in Brazilian football today is a disgrace," Gerson, one of the delightfully creative performers of Brazil's 1970 World Cup side, said. "The referees here overlook everything and the disciplinary tribunals overlook everything, too."

In the Brazilian league on Sunday, Vasco da Gama beat Flamengo 4-1. Flamengo's scorer was Bebeto, from the penalty spot. Vasco da Gama had Edmundo, a man three times as potent. Formerly known as "the animal", a player whose nonsensical antics had once caused a riot between these clubs, Edmundo says that he is reformed. His hat-trick on Sunday might alert European clubs — maybe even a certain club on Merseyside — to the fact that he would rather like a change of scenery, to the protected environment of Europe.

What, though, keeps coveted players in Rio? Last June, there was an enterprising attempt to bring Brazilian beach football to Southport. It rained.

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RUGBY UNION

England rule out finale to Australia autumn tour

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Australian Rugby Union (ARU) has finally conceded that a grand-slam tour of Great Britain and Ireland cannot be achieved this autumn. The tour reverts to the original schedule, without a fixture against England, but with the addition of a fourth international — alongside those with Italy, Scotland and Ireland — against Wales, which, in some respects, was the cause of all the problems. The game between Australia and the Barbarians, on December 7, goes ahead.

The Welsh Rugby Union asked for an additional game, with the acquiescence of their Irish counterparts, who conceded one of their scheduled fixtures to make room. Such encouragement was all that Australia needed to try to add a not-unwilling England to the itinerary and thus create a money-spinning grand-slam possibility, but an impossibly-crowded domestic programme in England would not permit it.

With representatives of England, Wales and Australia gathered in Rome this week for the International Rugby Football Board's interim council meeting, the negotiations were terminated with a joint statement which said that "having been given assurances as to regular grand-slam tours in the future, the Australian representatives, while not happy with the current tour outcome, were prepared to accept that the tour should remain as agreed".

Greg Thomas, the ARU spokesman, said: "The ARU is very disappointed by the outcome. We tried every avenue we could and we are still baffled by the attitude of the home unions, but it would have been a retrograde step for us to turn down Wales after England turned us down." That, at least, is a belated acknowledgement that agreements freely entered into ought to be honoured.

In any case, England have now put in place a regular programme of matches against Australia, beginning next July. Their first international of the season will be against Italy, on November 23, for which Phil de Glanville, the Bath centre, may yet be available. He damaged ligaments against London Irish on Saturday, but is likely to miss only three weeks — though that includes most of Bath's Heineken Cup pool matches — whereas Andy Nicol, the Scotland scrum half who pulled a hamstring in the same game, may be out for six weeks.

The organisation of future European tournaments will be among matters on the agenda when the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) meet today for what could be the first in a series designed to thrash out a lasting solution, in the knowledge that substantial television money is available but hinges on a successful outcome. "If the clubs get their money from TV, there should be less pressure on the RFU to supply the necessary cash," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said.

"It means that more of the £87 million we have negotiated already from Sky for our home internationals can be released for the game outside leagues one and two."

BARBARIANS (v Newport, tonight): C Cormack (Pontypridd); D Tiuali (Bristol), F Waters (Bristol), T Whitford (Richmond), M Hutton (Richmond); N Jenkins (Pontypridd and Wales), R Moon (Llanelli and Wales); R Hardwick (Coventry), N McCarthy (Bath), J Probyn (Bedford and England), P Walton (Newcastle and Scotland), V Cooper (Llanelli), D Grewcock (Coventry), D Eves (Coventry), J Mitchell (Sale).



IAN DUNCAN

The frustration of a missed putt shows as competitors go for points in the North regional final at Slaley Hall

Ward's efforts add to victory burst

BY MEL WEBB

THE winning team in the North regional final of *The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge* handed in a card worth 84 Stableford points at Slaley Hall yesterday. It was only when checked by tournament staff that it was discovered that they had actually scored 85 — and what is the winning team's business? Chartered accountants.

To be fair to Armstrong Watson & Co, whose head office is in Carlisle, only one of their employees, Andrew Robinson, was in the team. The other three are clients, which, if nothing else, proves pretty conclusively that they are in need of somebody to do their books.

Ultimately, it did not matter that they had miscalculated. They won the first of 12 regional finals of the Challenge to be held throughout the country in the next four weeks by four points from Clerical Medical Investment Group, with Morley Group third, a further point adrift. Robinson, a 17-handicap member of Brampton Golf Club, still had his head in the clouds an hour after their victory was announced. It was only the weight of the prize that he clutched to his bosom that stopped him from bobbing gently on the ceiling like a balloon.

Jim Franklin, Jeff Robinson and Kevin Ward, his teammates, were nearly as jubilant, and Ian Flemming, the non-playing captain, who organises the company's golf days, had the coolest head in the house.

Then, he should remain calm under pressure — for many years he has been a part-time caddy in pro-ams and Open Championship qualifying rounds. The amateur psychologist, that all good caddies should be, played a key role in the team's triumph.

"We came here to enjoy the day," Ward, a four-handicapper, said. "I told them not to take any silly chances, just get the ball in the fairway, and then maybe go for a score."

The tactic worked beautifully. Ward was the solid underpinning of what was, essentially, a team effort. He was the only one of the quartet to play to his handicap, but, importantly, every time somebody needed to score as well as Ward, they usually did so.

Ward got the team off to a good start when he holed a 20-yard bunker shot on the 1st for a par three and three points, and he chipped in again, three holes later, this time from 40 yards with an eight-iron. He got a four there for three points and Jeff Robinson had a net three for four points.

The seven there was the highest tally of the round, while the worst came immediately after their mid-round break. Three drives of the four were topped at the 10th. Inevitably, the solitary decent tee shot was hit by the ever-consistent Ward.

They recovered quickly, scoring six points on both the 11th and the 12th. They had strayed slightly off track, but had rapidly rediscovered their way. They were not to go wrong again.

SLALEY HALL SCORES

85: Armstrong, Watson & Co. 81: Clerical Medical Investment Group. 80: Morley Group Ltd. 79: Coopers and Lybrand; Lincoln National 78: McDougall Rose; Style Life Windows 77: Doncaster Rugby Union Club 76: Allied Dunbar (Yorkshire) 74: Derry Landscapes and Garden Design; Hammond Suddards. 73: Summers & Partners; Forbo CP Ltd 72: AIS Yorkshire 71: Nuclear Electric Ltd; Doberman-Horsman 70: MeesPierson NV 69: Wills Corroon North Ltd; Northern Electric. 67: Eagle Star Life; Tony Mossop Engineers Ltd. 62: Weatherall Green & Smith. Financial Management Bureau Ltd. 61: Skipton Building Society, Northgate Motor Holdings.

GOLF

Woods hits jackpot in Las Vegas play-off

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIGER WOODS, of the United States, made par at the first hole of a play-off with Davis Love III to win the Las Vegas International and claim the first victory of his professional career on Sunday.

Playing in only his fifth event as a professional, Woods, 20, began the day four shots off the pace, but finished with a 64, eight under par, for a total of 332, 27 under, in the five-round event.

Woods had six birdies and an eagle — on the par-five 3rd hole — in a round without a bogey. He had four birdies in the space of six holes on the back nine. The victory assures him of a two-year exemption for regular US PGA events. It also qualifies him for the Tournament of Champions and all the major events next year. The first prize of $297,000 (about £198,000) lifted him from 131st into the top 40 on the money-list.

Woods became the youngest player to win on the PGA Tour since Phil Mickelson, who captured the Northern Telecom Open in 1991 as a 20-year-old amateur. Gene Sarazen won three times at the age of 20 in 1922.

Woods made his par putt at the play-off hole, the 18th, while Love hit his approach shot into a bunker and took bogey. Love had a final round of 67 to force the play-off, while Black stumbled to a 71 and finished three strokes back. Kelly Gibson and Mark Calcavecchia tied for third on 26 under par, both players finishing with rounds of 65.

Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, and Nick Faldo, of England, are second and third, respectively, in the latest Sony world rankings. Montgomerie confirmed his position as European No 1 after finishing fourth in the German Masters, but he remains behind Greg Norman in the world list.

RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 10 30pts; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot) 8.97; 3, N Faldo (Eng) 8.79; 4, E Els (SA) 8.78; 5, F Couples (US) 8.33; 6, T Lehman (US) 8.28; 7, C Pavin (US) 8.16; 8, M Ozaki (Japan) 8.09; 9, P Mickelson (US) 7.70; 10, D Love III (US) 7.32.

BASKETBALL

Patience key for Towers in Europe

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE first domestic defeat of the season could hardly have come at a worse time for London Towers. Still barely recovered from their upset against Birmingham Bullets in the National Indoor Arena on Saturday, Towers, the Budweiser League champions, will tonight visit Buducnost Podgorica in their tricky fourth match in group H of the European Cup.

It was in an attempt to rid his players of the bad habits that they have acquired over the past two games that Kevin Cadle, the Towers coach, also broke with his usual custom during the weekend. "We practised yesterday," he said before flying off to Yugoslavia's Dalmatian coast. "It's the first time I've ever practised on a Sunday in my life, but it had to be done."

The message stressed by Cadle, particularly to Danny Lewis, his American playmaker, was that patience is the key. "We've got guys at the moment who don't want to play together," he said. "The first one who gets it, shoots the ball, but we've got to get that out of our systems."

Birmingham, whose coach, Nick Nurse, has almost become a season-ticket holder at London's games — so well did he do his homework — illustrated their opponents' weaknesses. "They took 30 seconds over their offences; we took seven seconds," Cadle said.

The lesson cannot afford to go unheeded, since Podgorica (formerly Titograd, before the fragmentation of Yugoslavia) will, like all Slav teams, certainly be no pushover.

IN BRIEF

Magnussen signs for Stewart

JACKIE STEWART has entrusted the task of launching his Formula One motor racing team, Stewart-Ford, to Jan Magnussen, from Denmark. Stewart yesterday signed Magnussen, 23, on a four-year deal and he will lead the team on their grand prix debut in Australia next March.

Magnussen, a test driver with McLaren Mercedes for the past two years, raced in the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida last year, where he finished tenth, and took part in the last four races of the 1996 IndyCar championship with the Penske team.

Argentina ban

Equestrianism: The Argentina showjumping team, who finished seventeenth of 19 in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, have been disqualified for using cruel training methods. The four riders will be suspended from international competition for six months from November 1. The International Equestrian Federation, the sport's ruling body, said that, in the run-up to the Games, the team had jumped their horses over a variety of "unacceptable" obstacles, including one fence which had a wooden lath containing nails fixed to the top pole.

Clarke's treble

Hockey: Daniel Clarke, the Lisnagarvey striker, scored three times as Ireland beat Poland 5-2 in the men's world cup preliminary tournament in Cagliari, Sardinia, yesterday. The victory ensures Ireland's place in the next qualifying phase.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING

BRIGHTON: London to Brighton (55 miles): 1, G Dell (Woodstock) 6hr 00min 59min 2, S Moore (Hertford and Ware) 6:14:06, 3, R Gardner (Woodstock) 6:33:51, 4, J Johnston (Royal Navy) 6:37:36; 5, W Hall (Crawley) 6:39:55, 6, R Freeman (Hillingdon) 6:45:26 Teams: 1 Woodstock Nats, 2, Crawley 15; 3, Brighton and Hove 29. Women: 1, H Walker (Serpentine) 7:47:15, 2, L Garrod (Benfleet) 8:01:31

NORTH SOLIHULL: British Athletics Federation 10km championships: 1, E Martin (Basildon) 29min 01sec; 2, G Tromans (Coventry) 29:03, 3, C Robson (Shettleston) 29:10, 4, D Donnelly (Northern Ireland) 29:12, 5, D Taylor (Blackheath) 29:14, 6, D Laughlan (Chelmsford) 29:25; Teams: 1, Shettleston 40, 2, Tipton 83, 3, Newham 113 Women: 1 H Haining (City of Glasgow) 33:25, 2, W Orr (Cardiff) 34:16; 3, L Harding (Houghton and Peterlee) 35:29, 4, M Dodd (Bingley) 35:36; 5, A Allen (Newham Hoddens) 35:39; 6, W Farrow (Derby Ladies) 35:49

FELL RUNNING

NEW GLOSSOP RACE (24 miles/6 000ft ascent): 1, R Woods (Dark Peak) 3hr 18min 25sec; 2, A Jung (unattached) 3:20:40, 3, A Duncan (Mersey FR — veteran) 3:35:13. Over 50: Y Thomas (Mersey FR) 3:52:45. Team: Dark Peak. Women: J Bird (Biddulph DD) 5:38:04.

COMMEDAGH DONARD HORSESHOE RACE (7 miles/3,100ft ascent, including final Irish championship race): Men: 1, D McNeilly (Newcastle) 1hr 03min 53sec; 2 B Ervine (Ballydrain) 1:04:28; 3, N Carly (North Belfast) 1:06:38. Final positions: 1, McNeilly, 2, Ervine, 3, Carly. Women: 1, McCullough (Bann) 1:41:46, 2, R McConville (North Down — veteran) 1:41:46, 3, S Carson (Bann) 1:52:25

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Thames Valley 112 Derby 100, Worthing 80 Manchester 79; Chester 99 Newcastle 85

Leading positions

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	6	5	1	541	434	10
Chester	6	4	1	442	405	8
London Towers	5	4	1	449	351	8
Newcastle	5	4	1	464	439	8
Birmingham	5	3	2	395	382	6
Derby	7	3	4	546	566	6
Leicester	4	3	1	338	290	6
Leopards	5	3	2	464	448	6
Manchester	6	3	3	459	472	6
Thames Valley	8	3	5	752	762	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Bury and Bolton 82 Coventry 91; Nottingham 57 Mid Sussex 69; Oxford 77 Liverpool 51; Plymouth 81 Cardiff 91. Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham 63 Crystal Palace 49; Ipswich 63 Harlesden 58; London 51 Birmingham 99; Nottingham 53 Sheffield 67; Rhondda 60 Thames Valley 82; Spelthorne 76 Northampton 64.

BOWLS

PRESTWICK: Scottish indoor singles championship: Quarter-finals: D Burnett (Arbroath) bt P Foster (Irvine) 21-16; J McGuire (Headwall) bt B McAtees (Inverclyde) 21-11; R Marshall (Belmfield) bt D McCormick (Stirling) 21-18, S Syme (Coatbridge) bt A Stobo (Paisley) 21-12.

BOXING

LOS ANGELES: World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship (12 rnds): Jose Luis Lopez (Mex, holder) bt Luis Ramon Campas (Mex) rsc 5th rnd.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (final day of three): Patiala: Australia 358-8 dec (M G Bevan 100 not out, R T Ponting 58, M J Slater 56; D Ganesh 5-103) and 99-2; Indian Board President's XI 262 (P Dharmani not out 130, M E Waugh 6-68) Match drawn

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY: Horse of the Year Show: Olympic knock-out: 1, Celtic Hero (P Craigo); 2, Flip (D MacPherson, SA), equal 3, Just Millisreet (K Shore) and Check Up (D Charles). Golden Saddle grand prix: 1, Bowriver Queen (J Whitaker) 0 fls, 28.73sec; 2, Uptons LB (M Watson) 0, 28.87; 3, Cal Ballou (H Engermann, Ger) 0, 29.90

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

FRENCH LEAGUE: Strasbourg 2 Marseilles 1

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Semi-finals: Group one: Trinidad and Tobago 1 Guatemala 1 Group two: Panama 1 El Salvador 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Flumminense 2 Atlético Mineiro 2; Portuguesa 1 Juventude 3; Bragantino 1 Parana 0, Guarani 3 Goias 1, Atletico Paranaense 3 Vitoria 0; Criciuma 0 Coritiba 0; Vasco da Gama 4 Flamengo 1, Bahia 1 Santos 1; Cruzeiro 2 Gremio 1, Internacional 1 Botafogo 1, Sport 2 São Paulo 1

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Espinho 1 Maritimo 0.

GOLF

NEVADA: Las Vegas invitational: Final scores (US unless stated): 332: T Woods 70, 63, 69, 67, 64 (won at first extra hole); D Love 66, 67, 64, 68, 67, 333: K Gibson 69, 68, 65, 65, 66; M Calcavecchia 72, 67, 65, 64, 65, 335: R Fehr 64, 62, 69, 73, 67; D Stockton Jr 67, 68, 67, 64, 69; R Black 64, 65, 69, 66, 71, 336: P Azinger 67, 64, 70, 70, 65; P Mickelson 68, 67, 68, 67, 66, P Goydos 67, 71, 68, 65, 67; F Couples 68, 67, 66, 67, 70, 337: T Tolles 69, 66, 68, 71, 63; S Cink 70, 68, 67, 67, 67; D Hart 71, 67, 67, 64, 68; K Fergus 62, 70, 72, 69, 69; D Pohl 68, 65, 70, 70, 72; F Funk 71, 63, 68, 70, 70. Other scores: 342: D Frost (SA) 65, 71, 71, 67, 68; S Appleby (Aus) 73, 67, 66, 67, 69, 343: V Singh (Fij) 66, 68, 71, 66, 72, 353: F Allem (SA) 73, 65, 68, 73, 75, 354: C Parry (Aus) 68, 67, 72, 74, 73

LOS ANGELES: Ralphs Seniors' Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 202: G Morgan 68, 68, 66, 203: C C Rodriguez 67, 66, 70; J Colbert 66, 68, 69, 204: R Floyd 66, 70, 68, 208: J Jacobs (GB) 73, 67, 66; R Charles (NZ) 68, 68, 69, G Marsh (Aus) 67, 68, 71; D Stockton 70, 65, 71. Other scores: 211: B Barnes (GB) 69, 71, 71, 216: S Hobday (SA) 68, 74, 74, 219; A Jacklin (GB) 76, 73, 70, 225: A Palmer 77, 72, 76.

HOCKEY

CAGLIARI: World Cup preliminary tournament: Pool A: Canada 1 Egypt 0; Wales 2 Kazakstan 0. Pool B: Ireland 5 Poland 2; United States 5 Bangladesh 4.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Florida 5 New York Rangers 2; Calgary 3 Buffalo 0; Edmonton 2 Vancouver 0; Chicago 4 St Louis 1; San Jose 7 Los Angeles 6

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Bracknell 5 Basingstoke 6 (Basingstoke won 11-8 on agg); Ayr 3 Manchester 2 (Ayr win 7-4 on agg); Newcastle v Sheffield (Sheffield win 8-3 on agg).

MOTORCYCLING

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Grand Prix: 125cc: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 42min 49.872sec; 2, E Alzamora (Sp, Honda) 42:57.312; 3, M Tokudome (Japan, Honda) 43:07.948; 4, J Martinez (Sp, Aprilia) 43:11.546; 5, G McCoy (Aus, Aprilia) 43:12.208; 6, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 43:18.928. World championship positions: 1, Aoki 200; 2, Tokudome 177, 3, T Manako (Japan, Honda) 160; 4, Alzamora 158; 5, S Perugini (It, Aprilia) 128; 6 Martinez 116. 250cc: 1, O Jacque (Fr, Honda) 43:04.546sec; 2, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43:09.124; 3, J Fuchs (Ger, Honda) 43:10.043; 4, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 43:29.022; 5, J-P Ruggia (Fr, Honda) 43:29.411, 6, R Locatelli (It, Honda) 43:38.294. World championship positions: 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 249pts; 2, Waldmann 248; 3, Jacque 177; 4, Fuchs 163; 5, L D'Antin (Sp, Honda) 130; 6, Ukawa 129.

ALBACETE, Spain: World Superbike Championship (eleventh round): Race one: 1, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 43min 31.166sec; 2, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 43:37.625; 3, J Kocinski (US, Ducati) 43:38.235. Race two: 1, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 40:19.125; 2, J Kocinski (US, Ducati) 40:26.146; 3, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 40:29.123. World championship positions: 1, Corser 353pts; 2, A Slight (NZ, Castrol Honda) 327; 3, Kocinski 317; 4, C Fogarty (GB, Castrol Honda) 308; 5, Edwards 212, 6, P-F Chili (It, Ducati) 208

REAL TENNIS

NEWMARKET: Browning Cup (professional singles handicap): Semi-final: M Coghlan bt M Eadie 3-6, 6-3, 6-5 Final: R Gunn bt Coghlan 6-4, 4-6, 6-0

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford 11 Royal Hospital 12. Daily Mail Cup: Royal Hospital 34 Boswell's 0.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Eastbourne 62 Bradford 33; Bradford 46 Eastbourne 50

SQUASH

DOHA: Men's tournament: First round: M Chaloner (Eng) bt D Evans (Wales) 13-15, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt M Cairns (Eng) 15-9, 17-14, 15-7, M Zaman Gul (Pak) bt S Al Sulam (Qatar) 15-10, 15-1, 15-11; P Nicol (Scot) bt C Wagnuck (SA) 16-17, 15-17, 15-9, 15-5, 15-12; D Jenson (Aus) bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-8, 17-16, 15-9; A Barada (Egypt) bt A-F Khan (HK) 15-10, 10-15, 15-5, 15-13; D Harris (Eng) bt J Power (Can) 15-13, 15-11, 15-4; R Eyles (Aus) bt A Faby (Egypt) 15-9, 15-14, 15-13; A Hill (Aus) bt Zarak-Jehan Khan (Pak) 9-15, 15-2, 15-9, 15-12; B Martin (Aus) w/o S Frenz (Ger) scr; S Meads (Eng) bt P Gregory (Gr) 15-13, 15-12, 15-14

TENNIS

SHEFFIELD: LTA Autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated) Men: First round: A Gavrilov (Russ) bt N Watts 6-1, 6-1; S Pandar w o J Barnett scr; P Robinson bt C Wall 6-2, 6-2; B Cowan bt N Gould 6-4, 6-4; A Wysard (Ger) bt L Giona (US) 6-2, 6-2; F Stauder (Ger) bt D Draper 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; D Vera (Fr) bt T Spinks 2-6, 7-6, 6-3, C Beecher bt M Wyeth 6-2, 6-3.

VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Hipfel (Austria) 6-3, 6-0, J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-4, 7-6, B Ullrych (Cz) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-2, 6-0

PEKING: Men's tournament: First round: O Ogorodov (Uzb) bt P Rafter (Aust) 7-5, 7-5; G Kuerten (Br) bt P Fredencksson (Swe) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Schalken (Holl) bt Jia Pingpus (China) 6-2, 7-5

SURABAYA, Indonesia: Women's tournament: First round: R Hiraki (Japan) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-2, 6-4; A Garsi (Cz) bt P Gaspari (Hun) 7-5, 6-2; S Petkowski (Fr) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 7-5, 6-4, S Testud (Fr) bt T Krtzan (Slovakia) 6-0, 6-1; L Richterova (Cz) bt M Javer (GB) 6-3, 6-1; T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt S Kloesel (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; A Serra-Zanetti (It) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-1, 6-3

ELDERSTADT: Women's tournament: First round: M Hingis (Switz) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-0, 6-3, B Rittner (Ger) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) 6-2, 6-4; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt L Raymond (US) 7-6, 6-3.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BLOOMFIELD, ROSE BLOOMFIELD Spinster late of Regents Park, London NW1 died there on 1 May 1995 (Estate about £14,400)

BOWLES, CECIL RUPERT BOWLES late of Bromley, Kent died there on 3 July 1996 (Estate about £41,000)

BRETT-PITT nee ROGERS, WINIFRED MAUD BRETT-PITT nee ROGERS Widow late of Southend on Sea Essex died there on 19 September 1995 (Estate about £90,000)

BRINE, RAYMOND GEORGE BRINE late of Bristol, Avon died there on 15 February 1996 (Estate about £8,000)

BROWN, WILLIAM ARTHUR BROWN late of Forest Gate, London E7 died there on 6 January 1995 (Estate about £5,000)

CARDOW, ALEXANDER COWPER CARDOW late of Barnet, Hertfordshire died at Camden, London NW1 on 22nd May 1993 (Estate about £10,000)

CHRISTIAN, JOSEPH CLIFFORD CHRISTIAN late of Lambeth, London SE11 died there on 23 December 1994 (Estate about £8,000)

CORFAD, THOMAS CORFAD otherwise TOM CORFAD late of Twickenham, Middlesex died there on 22 April 1996 (Estate about £70,000)

CREAK, MICHAEL CREAK late of Leyton, London E10 died there on 11 April 1996 (Estate about £45,000)

DALBY, GRAHAM RUFFELL DALBY late of Brighton, East Sussex died at Hove, East Sussex on 26 November 1995 (Estate about £75,000)

DORMER, ERNEST DORMER late of Camden, London NW6 died there on 17 August 1995 (Estate about £30,000)

FARROW, JOHN RAYMOND FARROW otherwise RAYMOND JOHN FARROW otherwise JOHN FARROW late of Hackney, London E9 died there on 14 July 1995 (Estate about £20,000)

GLOVER, HERBERT FRANK GLOVER late of New Malden Surrey died at Tooting, London SW17 on 16 January 1996 (Estate about £47,000)

GODDARD, BRIAN ERIC GODDARD late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 12 April 1996 (Estate about £16,700)

GOLLIN, FRANK GOLLIN late of Norringham died there on 10 March 1996 (Estate about £10,900)

HUNDELL, AGNES VERA HUNDELL Spinster late of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire died there on 20 July 1996 (Estate about £100,000)

HOLT, WILLIAM HENRY HOLT late of Rugby, Warwickshire died there on 20 December 1995 (Estate about £60,000)

HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM HENRY HUTCHINSON late of Newcastle upon Tyne died there on 15 October 1984 (Estate about £8,000)

LAURIE, GOLDIE JOSEPHINE LAURIE Spinster late of Hove, East Sussex died there on 12 May 1980 (Estate about £20,980)

MARNEY, EILEEN MARJORIE MARNEY Spinster late of Morden, Surrey died there on 12 March 1996 (Estate about £100,000)

MORRIS, DEREK THOMAS MORRIS late of Newbury, Berkshire died there on 9 August 1996 (Estate about £195,000)

MURRAY, DANIEL MURRAY late of Walworth, London SE17 died at Southwark, London SE1 on 25 March 1991 (Estate about £18,700)

NELSON, CHARLES EDWARD NELSON otherwise CHARLES EDWARD HANFORD NELSON late of Clapham, London SW4 died there on 23 May 1996 (Estate about £95,000)

NEW nee WILSON, JESSIE NEW nee Wilson Widow late of Rainham, Kent died at Gillingham, Kent on 3 October 1993 (Estate about £90,000)

PELLING, ERNEST GEORGE PELLING late of Addlestone, Surrey died at Chertsey, Surrey on 5 November 1995 (Estate about £75,000)

PORTER, EDITH OLIVE PORTER otherwise OLIVE EDITH PORTER otherwise OLIVE PORTER Spinster late of Harrow, Middlesex died there on 30 July 1994 (Estate about £7,000)

ROTHE, HANS ALBERT BERNHARD ROTHE late of Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire died there on 24 May 1996 (Estate about £250,000)

SPENDLOVE, VICTOR WILLIAM SPENDLOVE late of Stockwell, London SW9 died at Denmark Hill, London SE5 on 15 December 1994 (Estate about £15,000)

STEVENS, KATHLEEN STEVENS Spinster late of Tooting, London SW17 died there on 10 June 1993 (Estate about £5,700)

TYSON nee ORLANDO, AYESHA IRENE TYSON nee ORLANDO Single Woman late of Putney, London SW15 died there on 15 November 1995 (Estate about £17,000)

YATES, HENRY AUSTIN FRANK YATES otherwise HENRY YATES late of Tooting, London SW17 died there on 26 November 1993 (Estate about £5,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION
CHARITY: DAME LUCIE REYNELL SCHEME VARYING THE PRINCIPAL RULE
Reference: 307/5750/CDA(T)
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at the offices of Harold Michelmore & Co, Solicitors, at 15-21 Market Street, Newton Abbot, Devon or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting the above reference.

MISSING BENEFICIARIES
Estate of William Alsopp Deceased
Would Dean Bradley, Jack Moore, Phillis Hammersley and Mrs Twigger, granddaughter of Arthur Alsopp, or any person having information as to their whereabouts, please contact The Lewington Partnership Solicitors on 0121 454 4000. Please quote reference SP/MTC.

MISSING BENEFICIARIES
Would Herbert and Freda Irving, Karen Harvey, Gertrude Pannell and Hannah Beardmore or any person having information as to their whereabouts please contact The Lewington Partnership Solicitors on 0121 454 4000. Please quote reference SP/MTC.

LEGAL NOTICES

FRONUPTIA LIMITED
Formerly FRONUPTIA YOUNGS LIMITED
Registered Number: 720784. Nature of Business: Bridal Retail. Trade Classification: 0417. Administration Order made 1st October 1996. Name of Administrator: Peter S Dunn. Address of Administrator: Latham Cressley & Davis, Shedfield House, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3FF. Office Holder Number: 2368.

The Insolvency Act 1986
RAYWORTH LTD FORMERLY LINK CCTV SYSTEMS LTD
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 2nd October 1996
E.W.SHEPPARD, Liquidator

SALE 4.106 OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RIVERSTONE LIMITED -
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I the undersigned, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Riverstone Limited by The Secretary of State on 6 September 1996.
N J HAMILTON-SMITH
LIQUIDATOR
Dated this 30 Day of September 1996

LEGAL NOTICES

MARBLEFLAME LTD
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER 2739769
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 3 October 1996 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 3 December 1996.
The Liquidator also gives notice that the provisions of Rule 4.182A(4) that on 4 January 1997 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 3 December 1996 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated: 3.10.96
MARTIN FISHMAN, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
CASSIET LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24th October 1996 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in section 99 or any of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
Dated this 20th day of September 1996
By Order of the Board
JAMES L. MCCARTHY, Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
PHOENIX FABRICATIONS LIMITED
Registered number: 2589032
Nature of business: Manufacture and erection of steel/metalwork
Trade classification: 07
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 October 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers:
Midland Bank Plc
Raymond Hocking and Malcolm Cohen
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 2322/01 and 4822/01)
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

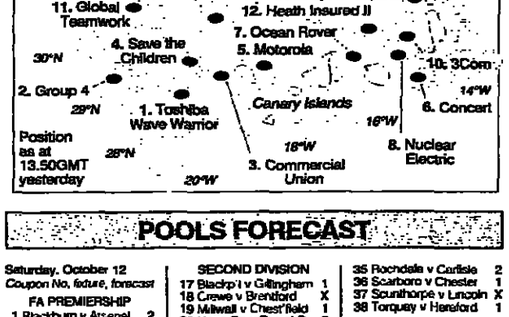
Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Name of company: EDWARD ERDMAN (GROSVENOR STREET) INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Nature of business: Property investment
Address of registered office: 9 Grosvenor Street London W1X 0AD
Liquidator name and address: David John Fallen, Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU
Date of appointment: 25 September 1996
By whom appointed: The Creditors
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
EDWARD ERDMAN (GROSVENOR STREET) INVESTMENTS LIMITED
The creditors of the above-named company are requested, on or before 31 October 1996 to send their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Liquidator of the company, at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU
Dated this 2nd day of October 1996
David John Fallen
Liquidator

SHERWOOD PROMARK LIMITED
Registered Number: 2014745. Trading names: Speedy Cook, Creamhills & Bi-neat. Nature of business: Manufacture of Charcoal briquette products. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 30th September 1996. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: TSB Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael William Young and David John Mason both of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1HD (Office Holder Nos: 8077 & 6731).

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
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BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE LATEST POSITIONS

First leg Southampton to Rio de Janeiro 5,000 miles



Position as at 13.50GMT yesterday

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, October 12
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Blackburn v Arsenal	2
2 Derby v Newcastle	2
3 Everton v West Ham	1
4 Leeds v Nott'm F	1
5 Leicester v Chelsea	X
6 Tottenham v A Villa	X
7 Wim'don v Shef Wed	1

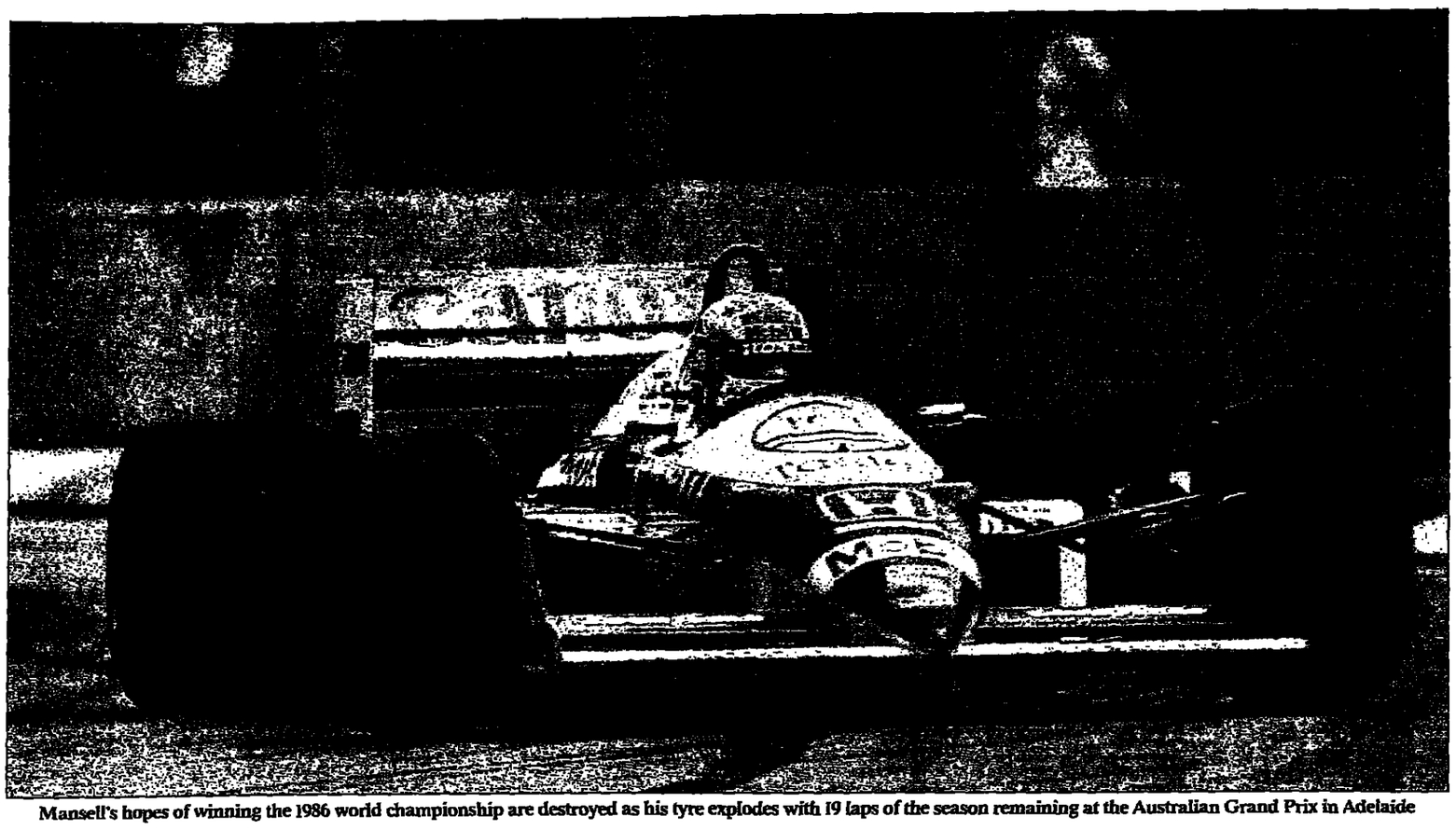
FIRST DIVISION

8 Barnsley v C Palace	X
9 Birmingham v Bradf'd	1
10 Bolton v Oldham	1
11 Portsmouth v Charlton	2
12 QPR v Man City	2
13 Reading v Grimsby	1
14 Sheff Utd v Tranmere	X
15 Swindon v Oxford	X
16 West Brom v Hudd'fd	1

SECOND DIVISION

17 Blackpl v Gillingham	1
18 Crewe v Brentford	X
19 Millwall v Chest'field	1
20 Notts Co v Bristol R	2
21 Peterboro v Bury	1
22 Rotherham v Burnley	2
23 Shrewsbury v Luton	X
24 Stockport v Preston	1
25 Walsall v Plym

Mansell's dream of glory ends in tatters



Mansell's hopes of winning the 1986 world championship are destroyed as his tyre explodes with 19 laps of the season remaining at the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide

GRAND PRIX SHOWDOWNS

As Damon Hill's attempt to become Formula One world champion enters the finishing straight in Japan on Sunday, **Oliver Holt** looks back at the explosive finale to the 1986 season

There were only 44 miles to go when it happened, just 19 laps of the Adelaide circuit. After a career of hardship, a broken neck and a broken back, an eternity of trying to prove the doubters wrong, Nigel Mansell was cruising to a comfortable third place in the Australian Grand Prix of 1986, a result that would have brought him his first world drivers' championship. Then, suddenly, he was made famous by failure.

It had been a hard year for Mansell, a season dominated by infighting between him and Nelson Piquet, his Williams-Honda team-mate. From start to finish, each accused the other of chicanery and deceit. They fought each other from the first race to the last, which prevented either from establishing the commanding lead in the struggle for the title that their superior equipment warranted — always, in the background, Alain Prost lurked.

Despite the fact that the odds were stacked against him, though, that Piquet was the team's nominal No 1 driver, Mansell managed to take a narrow lead into the final race, in Adelaide. The point-scoring system was more complex then than it is now, but Mansell needed only to finish third to claim the title.

Mansell had won five races that season compared with Piquet's four and Prost's three. All went to Adelaide with a chance of the title. It was a golden age, a time when Ayrton Senna was approaching his peak, too, the time that spawned the famous picture of "the four musketeers" sitting on a pit wall together, all bar Senna, who was sitting beside Prost, with their arms draped around a rival's shoulders.

If Mansell had finished in the top three that day in Adelaide, it would have wiped away his insecurities at a stroke and established his credentials beyond contradiction. Instead, the events of lap 64 condemned him to six more years striving for the ultimate respectability of the world championship.

Mansell had started from pole position, but finished the first lap in fourth place behind Piquet, the Lotus of Senna and the McLaren of Keke Rosberg. One place behind him, still lurking, was Prost. On the seventh lap, Rosberg passed Piquet to take the lead and, three laps later, Prost surged past Mansell. The millions who had got up in the middle of the night to watch shuddered collectively.

On the 23rd lap, though, the race swung back towards Mansell. Piquet, pursued by Prost in third place, span under pressure and both Prost and Mansell passed him before he could rejoin. Mansell was third now and, if the placings stayed like this, he would be world champion.

On the 32nd lap, it seemed the time for anxiety had gone. Prost got a puncture and limped into the pits. It took his crew more than 17 seconds to change the tyres and, by that time, Mansell and Piquet were through, all behind Rosberg. The Goodyear technicians who inspected Prost's damaged wheel confirmed that it was an ordinary puncture and that the tyres of the other drivers should be able to last.

On lap 40, Piquet caught Mansell, who was trapped behind backmarkers, and overtook him. Mansell was still OK, still third, but now Prost began to close on him, too, using his fresh tyres to exert the maximum advantage. By the 53rd lap, he was right behind Mansell, who continued the pursuit of Piquet.

Ten laps later, Rosberg, still holding a comfortable lead, pulled slowly to the side of the circuit with his right rear tyre in shreds. Goodyear technicians watched on the monitors and then began the dash to the Williams pit to tell them that they had been wrong, that Mansell and Piquet must be brought in for fresh tyres. It was too late.

Prost had slipped past Mansell by now, but Mansell was still third with a huge gap behind him to Stefan Johansson. He thought that he was safe. Then, on the 64th lap, just after Mansell had overtaken a backmarker and accelerated to 200mph, it happened.

It is still one of the most enduring images in sport, his left rear tyre exploding, the rubber flapping forlornly and wildly as Mansell tried desperately to control his swerving Williams.

His car slewed right and then left as he braked. Sparks flew, the rubber strips danced more wildly and, at last, after 15 seconds struggling to bring the car under control, Mansell managed to guide it into the run-off area at the end of the straight. He slumped forward in his seat in despair.

"Williams made such a terrible mistake in not letting me come in for tyres," Mansell said. "I wanted to change them. There was no reason not to pit, but they told me to stay out. When it was all over, I was destroyed. It was, without doubt, the biggest disappointment of my entire life.

"I had seen Keke's car at the side of the road, but, if I had known what had happened to him, I would have stopped for tyres whether the team wanted me to or not. My whole life I had waited for this opportunity, ever since my earliest days in karts, buzzing around allotments in Birmingham.

"After all those endless hours of work, the sacrifices, the injuries and the stubborn refusals to give up, my goal, which so many people, including my father, had told me was impossible for a lad of my background, had been within reach. I had touched it briefly, but then it was gone."

After Mansell's exit, Piquet led with Prost in second. If it had stayed like that, the championship would have gone to Piquet, but then Williams called him in to change his tyres and he did not demur. His pit stop lasted only eight seconds, but, when he emerged, he was nearly 19 seconds behind Prost.



'I wanted to change the tyres but they made me stay out'

Even then, the drama was not over. Prost maintained his lead fairly steadily until the last two laps when, suddenly, Piquet began to make huge inroads into it. Prost had looked at his fuel gauge and seen that it was on zero. He slowed dramatically and eventually took the chequered flag just four seconds ahead of Piquet. He had won the championship by two points from Mansell, with Piquet one point further back.

"It was a special race in special circumstances," Prost said. "It is a fantastic championship to win because, in 1982, 1983 and 1984, I lost by four points, two points and half a point. It's really a shame for Nigel. I know how it is to lose by such a small amount."

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RADIO CHOICE

When home is on tow

Kings of the Road. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

The first two-thirds of Jim Bowen's feature about caravans are devoted to people who swear by them. Drivers like me, who swear *at* them, are catered for during the remaining third. Trevor Aston, the producer, does well to underlay the complaints with a bellicose bit from the *1812 Overture*. I nearly cheered out loud when someone said that he thought there should be an eyesore tax on caravans, even a daytime curfew. I would probably feel less belligerent if things had stayed as they were in the caravan's pioneering days. Surrounded by bookcase, china cupboard, pretty chintz curtains and comfortable sofa, the caravan inventor's valet would play the violin to him while his parrot plucked away at the strings of a guitar.

The Sexton's Tales. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

Graveyard humour is elevated to a minor art form in this series about notable people buried in Highgate Cemetery in north London. George Cole plays the storytelling sexton. His jokes do not put him in the same class as the gravedigger in *Hamlet*, but I cannot see anyone in the 20th century improving on them. Tonight, he disinters the reputation of William Friese-Greene. *The Magic Box*, a 1951 British film, made no bones about him, if you will pardon the expression. It honoured him as father of the motion picture. This paternity is disputable. Unarguable is the fact that Highgate Cemetery is where he lies.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** *Evening Session, with Steve Lamacq* **9.00** Cling Film with Mark Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie *Thrower* **3.00** Alex Lester **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The *Elephant Man (7/8)* **9.00** Kings of the Road. See Choice **10.00** The Sexton's Tales. See Choice (2/6) **10.30** Allan Stewart **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55, 7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Brian Hayes, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl racing from Newmarket and at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** *News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin* **7.35** The Tuesday Match, with Mark Pougatch **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours, with Vincent Hanna **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scot Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** *Drivetime, with Peter Deeley* **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** *Anything Goes* **8.15** *Off the Shelf: Heatwave* **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Waveguide **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama: *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Counterpoint **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.30** Counterpoint **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Animals of Power **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** *Britain Today* **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Carl Stamitz (Clarinet Concerto No 3 in B flat major) **3.00** Nick Bailey **6.00** *Classic Newsnight* **8.30** Sonata. Schumann (Violin Sonata No 1 in A minor) **7.00** *The Opera Guide*, with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Evening Concert. Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G); Haydn (Cello Concerto No 1 in C), Bach (Piano Concerto in D minor); **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Howells (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis); *Paganini (Violin* Concerto No 1 in D); Langgaard (From the Deep) **9.00 Morning Collection.** Fauré (Fantaisie in G, Op 111); Berlioz (La Mort d'Orphee); Duparc (Aux Etoiles); Mozart (Piano Trio in D minor, K442) **10.00 Musical Encounters.** Includes Adrian Le Roy (Une M'avait Promis); Albeniz (Tango, Op 165 No 2). *Artist of the Week:* Moura Lympany, piano. Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV565); Berlioz (Nuit d'Ivresse, Les Troyens); Vivaldi (Concerto in G for two mandolins) **12.00 Composer of the Week: Smetana.** Includes Allegro Moderato a la Polka Dancing, String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life, 2nd mvt; Minuet in B flat; Bayadere Galop; Trois polkas de salon, Op 7; Louisa's Polka **1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Justin Brown. Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor) **2.25 Ensemble.** The Joachim Trio plays Haydn (Piano Trio in A, H XV 35); Dvořák (Piano Trio in E minor, Op 90) (r) **3.10 Dandelion Romance,** by Bohuslav Martinu **3.25 The BBC Orchestras.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales. With Emanuel Ax, piano. Daniel Jones (Dance Fantasy); Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat); Sibelius (Symphony No 5) **5.00 Music Machine.** Bagpipes **5.15 In Tune.** Britten (Prelude and Fugue for 18 strings, Op 29); Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F minor, 48 Bk 1); Mahler (Ruckert Lieder); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale) **7.30 Pebble Mill.** Pascal Roge and Jean-Philippe Collard, pianos. Satie (Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire), Ravel (Suite: Mother Goose); Satie (La Belle Excentrique); Poulenc (Sonata for two pianos) **8.35** History and Heritage. Raphael Samuel looks at the way the BBC furthered the historical imagination by coming at history from unusual angles, through radio ballads, vox-pop magazines and pioneering oral history programmes **8.55** Concert, part 2. Milhaud (Suite: Scaramouche); Rachmaninov (Suite Op 17) **9.30 Third Words.** How writers adapted to the medium of radio **10.15 French Chamber Music.** Milhaud (Sonata for flute, oboe, clarinet and piano, Op 47) **10.45 Night Waves.** Richard Coles considers how foreign cultures have fired the imagination. Includes William Gibson talking about the setting of his latest novel in a virtual Tokyo **11.30 Composer of the Week: Steve Reich at 60** (r) **12.30am Jazz Notes.** Part 2 of Gordon Cruickshank's survey of great Scottish jazzmen **1.00 Through the Night**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Changing Trains. Steven Norris, MP, former Transport Minister, reads his memoirs (2/5) **8.58** Weather **9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 0171-580 4444** **10.00 Daily Service** (LW) **10.15 On This Day** (LW) **10.00 News; Gosling on Espana** (FM). *A new series in which* Ray Gosling explores the Spanish identity **10.30 Woman's Hour:** 50th Anniversary Week **11.30 All in the Mind.** **12.00 News; You and Yours** **12.25pm Head** 12.55 Weather **1.00 The World at One** **1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00 News; followed by Books and Company** (r) **2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay** **3.00 The Afternoon Shift** **4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Vaughan meets Jonathan Raban, who has been searching for the soul of modern America in his new book *Bad Land* **4.45 Short Story: Overcoat,** by Rhidian Brook. Read by Richard Nichols **5.00 PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00 Six O'Clock News** **6.30 England's Glory.** Morgan's attempts to turn the local radio station into nostalgic wireless with added crackle hits a snag when a soft porn tycoon takes an interest. With Keith Barron and Lynda Baron (5/6) (r) **7.00 News 7.05 The Archers** **7.20 File on 4,** with Roger Wilkes **8.00 Science Now.** Are pressed-day mental problems related to man's evolution? Peter Evans looks at a new area of psychiatry which is challenging conventional approaches to mental disorders (r) **8.30 The Network.** Appearance can be just as important as content as Alun Lewis discovers how to make a bigger splash **9.00 In Touch.** Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people **9.30 Kaleidoscope 9.58** Weather **10.00 The World Tonight,** with Robing Lustig **10.45 A Book at Bedtime: I'm Here I Think, Where Are You?** The actor Timothy West reads letters written to his wife Prunella Scales over 30 years in this programme he reflects on his years with the Prospect Theatre (2/5) (r) **11.00 Mediumwave.** The week's events in the media (r) **11.30 On the Ropes: Sir Edward du Cann.** The once rich businessman and Tory grandee now can't afford to mend his car. John Humphrys explores his fall from grace (r) **12.00 News,** incl **12.27am** approx Weather **12.30 The Late Book Nico — Songs They Never Play on the Radio.** The true story of rock enigma Nico. Written and read by her keyboard player James Young (7/8) **12.48 Shipping Forecast** **1.00 As World Service**

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

TRIGRAPH

(b) A combination of three letters denoting a simple sound, as *eau* in the French *beau* and *sch* in the German *schaf*. Or in English the *tch* in *catch*. This term of orthography comes from the Greek *tris* thrice + *graphē* writing. Two letters representing one sound make a digraph, as the *th* in *this* and the *sh* in *ashes*. When letters form trigraphs or digraphs, they surrender their independent sound values so as to stand as a group for a single phoneme, usually because an alphabet has no letter to serve that purpose.

TAMASHA

(c) An entertainment, show, display, public function. From the Arabic, Persian and Urdu words for walking about for recreation or amusement, an entertainment.

TWATTLER

(a) Someone who twattles, a chatterer or babbler. Perhaps an altered dialect form of *tattle*. The earliest appearance yet recorded is in the reduplicated *twittle-twattle* of 1556. William Cobbett, 1818: "As to the resources of the nation, what do these twattlers mean?"

UPPUTTER

(a) One who raises or erects. Obsolescent Scottish. *The Aberdeen Register*, 1623: "The upputter thairoff that wald hawe the said windo reedifiet sall reedifie and put up the said windo."

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1. ... Nh4+!; 2. gxh4 Qg4+: 3. Kf1 Qh3+; 4. Qg2 Qd3+ and mate soon follows.

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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Not for the faint-hearted, or fans of Gazza

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A James Thurber story came rather vividly to mind last night. It's the one in which an adulterous husband plots to kill his wife, and sets about it expecting her co-operation. "Let's go down in the cellar," he says airily, one evening after dinner. He taps his legs and stands up, but his wife looks up from her reading, sighs, and then silently resumes her book. "Let's go down in the cellar," he suggests again. "Why?" she barks. He shrugs. He thinks, "We never go down in the cellar any more."

We never go down in the cellar any more — it's a line that stays with you. Two couples, either metaphorically or literally, went down in the cellar last night while viewers yelled "Don't!". Viewers of **EastEnders** (BBC1), chewing cushions in disbelief at recent sensational events, in fact finally acknowledged that Ian Beale's fate was sealed when he and Cindy set out in the last few minutes for "a walk by the canal". What graveyard chill is in those words, eh? Cindy had just spent all day in a panic, attempting to call off a hired killer — in her anguish, she'd let her mascara run and everything. Every time she saw Ian alive, she swooned with relief. But we knew her efforts were in vain when that damn canal was mentioned.

"Don't go down by the canal, Ian!" we yelled. "That's where Den got shot! We never go down by the canal any more! You'll get shot!" And the next thing we knew, blimey, he'd been shot, and Cindy's make-up was on the move again.

Red in tooth and claw, the telly last night. Fans of spilt blood could watch savagery all night. Channel 4's *Little Killers gave us half an hour of blood-lusty stoats pouncing on fluffy rabbits (eek!) and, later,* **Homicide** (also Channel 4) *concluded its two-part sniper story with another highly unpleasant body count, and a good interrogation scene thrown in.* Meanwhile in the second part of **Wilderness** (ITV) wolf-lady Alice escorted her *nice, broadminded Welsh boyfriend, Dan, into the real basement of her house, to watch her "change". She wanted to convince him she wasn't mad, you see; but perhaps had not fully considered (as the viewer had) that exposing him to a big she-wolf was potentially a double-edged advantage.*

But as luck would have it, the wolf didn't come. Phew. Amanda Ooms moaned *and stretched and sweated a lot in the buff, but to no avail, lupine-wise. Her eyes didn't even yellow up. A lucky escape for the Welshman but real tragedy for Alice, for whom one feels more pity each week. Against all the odds, she is turning into a bona fide tragic figure, like the Frankenstein monster: self-destructing because pierced by human love, appallingly lonely, howling for help and tenderness that isn't there. Each time she blinks away the tears in her therapy sessions, it breaks your heart. "You saw my wolf," she implored her therapist, virtually licking his hand. "No I didn't," he lied, and couldn't have hurt her more if he'd smacked her on the muzzle.*

No aid comes from psychology, *of course: therapist Michael Kitchen (Luther) is the small-minded villain of the piece: more interested in colour-coding his bath towels than wrestling with the universal beast within. In fact it is becoming clear that Luther is a textbook (and marginally comical) obsessive-compulsive: afraid to spill coffee, donning rubber gloves to scour a perfectly clean sink, and finally snipping stray leaves off the elaborate topiary. Just the sort of chap to understand about howling at the moon.*

But Alice is getting under Luther's skin, nevertheless. Last night he asked her in an offhand manner: "Have we seen anything of Mr Penguin?" — such abuse of a rival is a sure sign of sexual jealousy. *He also told Alice that* her boyfriend was immature and "damaged", and then phoned a colleague and said "I think she's *offering herself to me". I suspect in* next week's final episode he will *(like poor Alice) wrestle with his inner animal. Unfortunately, however, Luther's animal is likely to be a small vole, or a worm.*

Finally, **Cutting Edge: Gazza's Coming Home** (Channel 4) was also concerned with fatal flaws — in this case the unpredictable genius of Paul Gascoigne, cursed at birth with magic feet but dodgy knees and a very, very simple soul. Made by the same team as the famed Graham Taylor documentary (*Do I not like that*), *Gazza's Coming Home* sounded like the event of the week, but in reality it showed the same childish refusal to co-operate as the man himself — one minute brilliant, the next sluggish, and *sometimes quite boring. It was* — to adapt a Romantic image — like reading *Viz* by flashes of lightning.

In the best scene, Gazza agreed *to take the cameras to his new* home in Scotland, led them to a *terraced house and knocked on the* door. A woman appeared, and recoiled when she saw the cameras. "Do you use Daz?" asked Gazza. "Or Omo? D'you use Daz or Omo?" When she shut the door, he doubled up laughing. What a wit, eh? Oscar Wilde missed a natural soulmate there.

Fabulous goals were interspersed with Gazza in his various moods: mainly sulky or delighted. He's a great big baby, as he is ready to admit. At home, on his own, he was sulky ("When you're on your own you think a lot"); with mates in Gateshead he snickered *into a pint. And in between, he was* filmed in extreme close-up (eyebrow to bottom lip) — either to eradicate troublesome hair colour *variations, or to indicate a colossus* too big for the screen.

● *Matthew Bond will appear tomorrow*

6.00am Business Breakfast (74682)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (70363)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (5608040)
9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2500175) **9.45 Kilroy** (s) (2330156) **10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (s) (81798)
11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (6914175)
11.05 Conference Live. Live coverage of the opening day of the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth. Includes news at **12.00** (s) (93447682)
1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (20840)
1.30 Regional News (57466779)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44416601) ***2.00 Call My Bluff*** (s) (3243) **2.30 The Terrace** (s) (934) **3.00 Incognito** (s) (2750) **3.30 Brum** (r) (s) (9753330)
3.40 Romuald the Reindeer (s) (6180359) ***3.50 The All New Popeye Show*** (r) (Ceefax) (2925361) **4.10 Oscar's Orchestra** (Ceefax) (s) (6137779) **4.35 The Queen's Nose** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5086412) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (2400175) **5.10 Byker Grove** (Ceefax) (5898866)
5.30 The Nation's Favourite Poems (823175)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (525408)
6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (663)
6.30 Newsline (Ceefax) (243)
7.00 Holiday. *Jill Dando basks in luxury at the* Ritz and checks out the value of Butlin's Grand Hotel, also in London. Ben Hall visits St Lucia. Kirsty Young flies to Tunisia, and Toyah Willcox accompanies a couple on their first trip abroad (Ceefax) (s) (4359)
7.30 EastEnders. Cindy finds herself in the spotlight (Ceefax) (s) (427)
8.00 999 Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris with a series of extraordinary true stories of bravery (Ceefax) (s) (1309)
8.30 A Question of Sport. Joining captains John Parrott and Ally McCoist this week are Paul Palmer, Steve Stone, Steve Collins and Kelly Holmes (Ceefax) (s) (2514)
9.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (3224)
9.30 After the Break. Patrick Kielty presents a compilation of television advertisements from around the world (Ceefax) (13885)
10.00 FILM: Medicine Man (1992). An adventure with Sean Connery as a scientist who discovers a cure for cancer in the South American rainforests. However, he cannot replicate the serum and he needs to meet the real medicine man. The environmental message comes across clearly but never overrides the *action. With Lorraine Bracco. Directed by* John McTiernan (s) (550885)
11.45 FILM: Georgia (1988). Moody mystery starring Judy Davis, John Bach and Julia Blake. Old photographs are the clue, and the key, to dangerous discoveries when hardbitten tax attorney Nina Bailey learns of the decades-old death of photographer Georgia White, who was Nina's natural mother. Suicide or murder, someone wants the facts to finally surface, with deadly consequences. Directed by Ben Lewin (9121040)
1.15am-1.20 Weather (2012972)

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6.00am Open University: Norfolk Broads: Conservation v Commercialism (7534224) **6.25 Tropical Forest: the Conundrum of Coexistence** (7563359) **6.50 Resources, Environment and Politics** (9111156)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6371224)
7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (4748205)
7.55 Blue Peter (8807682) **8.20 Fireman Sam** (1549088) **8.35 Lassie** (8264156)
9.00 Standard Grade Design (5606682)
9.20 The RE Collection (2508717)
9.45 Watch (1959069)
10.00 Playdays (66576)
10.30 Come Outside (1080040)
10.45 Science Zone — Types of Material (3441717) **11.05 Space Ark** (6995040)
11.15 Clementine (9606205) **11.30 GNVQ TV** (2359) **12.00 See Hear!** (63392) **12.30 Working Lunch** (91663) **1.00 Teaching Today** (20822)
1.30 Showcase (57457021) **1.40 Hotch Potch House** (44414243) **2.00 Fireman Sam** (18684137)
2.10 Conference Live. Featuring Michael Howard's speech on home affairs, plus a debate on health (s) (557311)
3.55 News and weather (8457798)
4.00 Today's the Day (156) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (840) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (9366224) **5.40 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade** (330427) **5.50 A Week to Remember** (892205)
6.00 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (983885)
6.45 Conference Talk (s) (238296)
7.30 The Chemistry of (Almost) Everything. An investigation into the way chemistry affects our lives (Ceefax) (s) (999)
8.00 Pound for Pound looks at how to spot investments where the risk is low and the reward high (s) (1021)
8.30 Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast: Umbria. Truffles, a grape-picking festival and a porcini mushroom hunt are included (s) (6476)



General Curtis E. LeMay (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE Timewatch: Baiting the Bear. During the 1960s *Generals LeMay and Power brought the* world perilously close to a nuclear war (Ceefax) (373953)
9.50 Trade Secrets. Gardeners share their *green-fingered tips (Ceefax) (s) (669663)*
10.00 Hancock: The Economy Drive. Classic comedy. The friends return from a miserable three months travelling to find themselves locked out with 400 bottles of milk on the doorstep (r) (Ceefax) (64021)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (699137)
11.15 Over the Edge: To Walk a Crooked Mile (761137)
11.45 Modern Times (s) (Ceefax) (460972)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Timewatch: Baiting the Bear
BBC2, 9.00pm

In Stanley Kubrick's film *Dr Strangelove* there was a deranged general, Jack D. Ripper, bent on unleashing a nuclear war. The character was allegedly based on the real General Curtis E. LeMay. This *Timewatch* film suggests that Kubrick may not have been far from the mark. LeMay made his reputation in 1945 with a night raid on Tokyo in which more civilians died than in Dresden, Nagasaki or Hiroshima. From then on LeMay held closely to the doctrine that wars could be won by laying waste to cities and terrorising civilians. As head of the United States Strategic Air Command, *LeMay advocated a preventive war against* the Soviet Union, preferably without telling the President first. The Cuban missile crisis almost gave him his chance.

Witness: Death of the Solar Temple
Channel 4, 9.00pm

When in 1994 53 members of a religious cult died within 24 hours in Canada, France and Switzerland, the police concluded that it was a collective suicide. This was not good enough for the film-maker David Cohen, who set out on an investigation of his own. He talked to former cult members, a French detective and a woman who lost four of her relatives. Their testimony considerably undermines the suicide theory without *sustaining the alternative explanation, that* the cult members were murdered. But the documentary does lift some of the obsessive secrecy surrounding the Order of the Solar Temple, which preached reincarnation and had a particular appeal to successful upper-middle-class people looking for a deeper spirituality than that offered by the conventional churches.

Network First: The Riddle of the Gaul
ITV, 10.40pm

A fishing trawler from Hull, the *Gaul* was lost in the Arctic in 1974 with all 36 crew. The official inquiry found that the vessel had been overwhelmed by heavy seas. The relatives, however, were not satisfied. It seemed odd that a modern, well-designed ship could have sank so suddenly, leaving no trace. The life rafts should have worked, yet none were found. Morever, there were rumours that trawlers were being used by British intelligence to spy on the Soviet Union's Northern Fleet, which included nuclear submarines. Was the *Gaul* sunk by a Soviet sub? The film sets out to solve the 22-*year-old mystery. If the evidence hovers* tantalisingly short of proving the espionage theory beyond doubt, it does suggest that there was more to the demise of the *Gaul* than the Ministry of Defence has so far been prepared to admit.

Get Up, Stand Up
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Comedy shows featuring black performers are tricky to write about because if you stress colour you are accused of making an issue of it, while to ignore it would be telling less than the full story. Black comics are not that frequent on television and to thus label Malcolm Frederick, Angie Le Mar and Chris Tummings is a tribute to their ability to *break into a white-dominated area. Besides,* to overlook their colour would be to make nonsense of some of their jokes. Having said all that, most of the sketches in tonight's show have no racial point. The material is not as irreverent or hard-hitting as the publicity suggests and switchboards are unlikely to be jammed with complaints of poor taste. But there is considerable wit in *evidence, not least in a joke about saying* "cheese" in front of a police speed control camera.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7607601)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (2585866)
9.55 Regional News (6365750)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (86330)
10.30 This Morning (27682514)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7542750)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3284392)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3292311) **1.25 High Road** (Teletext) (6244088) **2.00 *Home and Away*** (Teletext) (s) (27800069) **2.25 Quisine** (Teletext) (s) (27889576) **2.50 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (9998040)
3.20 News *headlines (Teletext)* (5597040)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5596311)
3.30 Potamus Park (s) (9755798) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (6175427) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) (9759514) ***4.05 Garfield and*** **Friends** (4710576) **4.15 Hey Arnold!** (Teletext) (s) (6154446) **4.40 The Ward** (Teletext) (s) (8379934)
5.10 What's My Line? (8300156)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (891589)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (173682)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (772866)
7.00 Emmerdale. Frank finds that he has a traitor in the camp and Tina has bad news for Kim (Teletext) (s) (9427)
7.30 The Woodward File. Edward Woodward travels the countryside. Noel Edmonds reveals why he moved his family to Devon and film-maker Andrew Cooper takes a *look at the region's wildlife* (s) (595)
8.00 The Bill. An investigation into a burglary is jeopardised when the residents of a council estate are too scared to give *evidence (Teletext)* (8175)
8.30 My Good Friend. Last in the sit-com series about a widower struggling to keep his independence while living with his daughter and son-in-law. Starring George Cole (Teletext) (s) (7682)



B Company turn firefighters (10.00pm)

9.00 *Soldier, Soldier.* *The men of the King's* Own are called upon to take over as firefighters (Teletext) (s) (5791)
10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (91175)
10.30 Regional News (807779)
10.40 CHOICE Network First: The Riddle of the Gaul (Teletext) (882750)
11.40 Highlander (665330)
12.40am Nationwide Football League Extra (1270606)
1.25 FILM: The April Fools (1969) Romantic comedy starring Jack Lemmon, Catherine Deneuve and Peter Lawford. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg (837286)
3.10 Late & Loud (s) (2211354)
4.10 The Chart Show (r) (s) (9582354)
5.00 Special Report (r) (69712)
5.30 Morning News (54793)

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 Bagdad Cafe (8300156)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (772866)
7.30-8.00 James' Journal (595)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Emmerdale (3292311)
1.25-1.55 Quisine (71731381)
1.55 Home and Away (14842663)
2.25 Vanessa (27803156)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (2572494)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8300156)
6.00-7.00 *Westcountry Live* (33868)
7.30-8.00 Treasures (595)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (665330)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (3292311)
1.25 Quisine (71731381)
1.55 A Country Practice (44497576)
2.20 Vanessa (27804885)
2.50-3.20 Cat Crazy (9998040)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8300156)
6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (772866)
7.30-8.00 Gotcha (595)
12.40am Film: The Keys (839083)
2.25 Late & Loud (7884151)
3.20 The Making of Escape from LA — Snake is Back (16078422)
4.30 Jobfinder (5790460)
5.20 Asian Eye (5529538)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Quisine (3292311)
1.25 Home and Away (71731381)
1.55 Shortland Street (44497576)
2.20 Vanessa (27804885)
2.50-3.20 Hope and Gloria (9998040)
5.10 Home and Away (8300156)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (817514)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (359)
6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (311)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (595)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (665330)
5.00am Freescreen (69712)

S4C

Starts: 6.30 Adventures in Odyssey (60392) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (98663) **9.00 Here's One I Made Earlier** (78224) **9.30 Ysgolion: Eureka!** (1949682) **9.45 Hanes Cymru** (1944137) **10.00 Uda 2000** (6380069) **10.25 Iawl** (4831934) **10.45 Caraidean** (1070663) **11.00 The New Living Body** (9758156) **11.20 Stage One** (9612866) **11.37 Lost Animals** (9696359) **11.45 First Edition** (1919601) **12.00 Wild West Country** (98088) **12.30pm Backdate** (26359) **1.00 Siot Meithrin** (91750) **1.30 Film: Young Man with a Horn** (48314137) **3.35 Fresh Pop** (9745311) **3.45 *Fifteen to One*** (969682) **4.15 Little Killers** (407427) **4.45 5 Pump: Uned 5** (406798) **5.15 Countdown** (2890514) **6.05 Heno** (191088) **6.35 Jacpot** (101363) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (201359) **7.25 Trio'r Teulu** (905316) **8.00 Stori Fawr** (6717) **8.30 Newyddion** (5224) **9.00 Codi Clawr Hanes** (6934) **9.30 Citizen's Arrest** (83345) **10.00 Brookside** (364779) **10.35 Drop the Dead Donkey** (636717) **11.05 Ellen** (256021) **11.35 Northern Exposure** (2336625) **4.00 Ysgolion** (9599644)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (98663)
9.00 Here's One I Made Earlier (78224)
9.30 Schools: 9.30 Eureka! 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourway Farm 10.10 TVM 10.25 How We Used To Live 10.45 Caraidean 11.00 The New Living Body 11.20 Stage One 11.37 Lost Animals 11.42 Poverty Answering Back 11.45 First Edition (433595)
12.00 Wild West Country (Teletext) (s) (98088) **12.30pm Backdate** (Teletext) (s) (26359) **1.00 Sesame Street** (8041359) **1.55 What on Earth** (57452576)
2.10 FILM: The Raid (1954) starring Van Heflin and Anne Bancroft. The true story of Confederate prisoners who broke out of a jail in New England and headed south to safety. Directed by Hugo Fregonese (971999)
3.45 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (969682) **4.15 Countdown: Champion of Champions** (Teletext) (s) (1042953) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (2802359) **5.45 Travelog Treks** (Teletext) (s) (348446)
6.00 The Avengers (94750)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (9779)
8.00 Citizen's Arrest. Joe Layburn looks at the case Keith Whincup has against Barclays Bank (4/6) (Teletext) (s) (6717)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (5224)



Cult leader Luc Jouret (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE Witness. An insight into the bizarre Order of the Solar Temple cult (Teletext) (s) (8663)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Gus is eager to impress a Japanese delegation (2/12) (Teletext) (s) (364779)
10.35 *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* (r) (Teletext) (s) (636717)
11.05 CHOICE Get Up, Stand Up (Teletext) (s) (256021)
11.35 *Northern Exposure* (Teletext) (s) (664601)
12.35am The Shooting Gallery: Flush. A comedy directed by Karl Richards (5014489)
12.45 Audacious. Film by Samantha Lang about a young woman bored by her husband's bedroom behaviour (96996)
1.15 *Despondent Divorcée.* Directed by Jonathan Ogilvie (2072354) **1.20 Love Child.** Directed by Patrick Sisam (6895441) **1.45 The Invisible Hand** Directed by Athina Tsoulois (2640606) **2.00 The Slap.** Directed by Tamara Hernandez (8389151) **2.05 Dans Le Petit Bois.** Directed by Mamarda Zekrya (1899267) **2.25 Oh Julie!** Directed by *Francis Lee* (8733354) **2.35 *Puk Nini.*** Directed by Fanta Regina Nacro (3094557) **3.10 Listening In.** Directed by Jonathan Vernon (11521847) Ends at **3.20**
4.00 Schools: The English Programme (9599644)

● For more comprehensive *listings of satellite and cable* channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY 1

7.00am Undun (58009) **9.00** Press Your Luck (5158330) **9.20** Jeopardy! (2265717) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (3673717) **10.40** Real TV (2591798) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (6775581) **12.00** Geraldo (58972) **1.00pm** 1 to 3 (52243) **3.00** Jenny Jones (71358) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (56666) **5.00** Quantum Leap (3446) **6.00** The New Adventures of Superman (54156) **7.00** LAPD (3525) **7.30** MASH (6601) **8.00** Springfield (6595) **8.30** Murder Unleashed (8306) **9.00** Lois and Clark (84311) **10.00** Quantum Leap (34795) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (38205) **12.00** Midnight Caller (71082) **1.00am** LAPD (36000) **1.30** Real TV (93680) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (6508)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (3387259) **8.00** Sliders (43637779) **9.00** Seinfeld (43685436) **10.00** New York Undercover (45735569) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1496408) **12.00 FILM: Spellbinder** (2106422) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (6101118)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Cat and the Canary (1979) (74840) **8.00 Swing Time (1936)** (36359) **10.00 Fury at Smugglers' Bay (1960)** (49855) **12.00 It Could Happen to You (1994)** (19652) **2.00pm Grizzly Mountain (1993)** (78750) **4.00 Pocahontas: The Legend (1995)** (7750) **6.00 Weekend at Bernie's II (1993)** (99514) **8.00 It Could Happen to You (1994)** (47582) **10.00 Ski School 2 (1994)** (45109) **11.30 The Bait (1995)** (671137) **1.25am Bad Medicine (1985)** (2564223) **3.00 City Cops (1995)** (75560) **4.30-6.00 Weekend at Bernie's II (1993)** (795671)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am George White's 1935 Sandals (1935) (328857) **7.30 Stowaways on the Ark** (22408) **9.00 Thumbelina** (96034) **10.00 Lillian Russell (1940)** (21963868) **12.10pm Who Done It? (1942)** (685779) **2.00 Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story (1994)** (76362) **4.00 Thumbelina** (52305514) **5.10 A Christmas Carol (1979)** (79957991) **6.00 North (1994)** (51243) **7.30 Special Feature** (9311) **8.00 Cosmic Slop (1994)** (91601) **10.00 The River Wild (1994)** (836717) **11.55 Out of Annie's Past (1994)** (287972) ***1.30am Because*** **Mommy Works (1995)** (165731) **3.05 Motorama (1993)** (284480) **4.40-6.00 Who Done It? (1942)** (4332083)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Woman of the Year (1942) (3682) **6.00 Our Man in Havana (1959)** (70156) **8.00 Margin for Murder (1981)** (75801) **10.00 Sudden Impact (1983)** (47330) **12.00 Valley of the Dolls (1967)** (54117422) **2.05am A Night at the Opera (1935)** (1051709) **3.40-5.35 Call Me Madam (1953)** (176489)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Bonkers (7657363) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (4607049) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (56193330) **7.15** Quack Attack (2429840) **7.40** Aladdin (4336069) **8.05** Goof Troop (6425154) **8.30** Bonkers (46798) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (20750) **9.30** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (74069) **10.00** Muppet Babies (56688) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (56934) **11.00** Quack Attack (43514) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (44243) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (40514) **12.30pm** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (78885) **1.00** Goof Troop (67966) **1.30** Aladdin (77156) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (7589) **2.30** Best of Walt Disney Presents (7727156) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (69165701) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (22034427) **4.15** Bonkers (22151566) **4.35** Goof Troop (43042214) **5.00** Aladdin (4311) **5.30** Quack Attack (3904) **6.00** Crossbow (7137) **6.30** Blossom (1717) **7.00** Home Improvement (4175) ***7.30 FILM: The Great*** **Mom Swop** (127750) **9.00** Eyewitness (23750) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sky Sports Centre (98801) **7.30** Baseball (84496) **8.00** World of Speed and Beyond (83205) **8.30** Racing News (82576) **8.45** Sky Sports Centre (95196) **9.30** Sky Sports Centre (43176) **10.00** Velo-Aerobics Oz Style (43176) **10.00** Velo-Cycling Greatest XI (44311) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (86292) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (38585) **2.30** Golf (34359) **3.30** Velo-Cycling (9999) **4.00** Baseball (9576) **4.30** Drag Racing (8088) **4.59** Sky Sports Centre (8689934) **5.00 WWF — Mania** (2934) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (9953) **6.30** The World at Their Feet (9755) **7.00** Football: England U21 v Poland U21 (207392) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (87021) **10.30** The Footballers' *Football Show* (49205) ***11.30*** Asian Football Show (84779) **12.30am** Sky Sports Centre (26460) **1.00** Football: England U21 v Poland U21 (40712) **3.00-3.30** Sky Sports Centre (19354)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (71310576) **1.00pm** Major League Baseball (77209514) **3.00** NHL (27205040) **4.00** Watersports World (27224175) **5.00** Show Jumping Classic (92278099) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (71349088) **7.00** Sky Sports Centre (92279798) **7.30** Major League Baseball (97886514) **9.30** NHL (55608779) **10.30** Sports Unlimited (56373886) **11.30-12.00** Sky Sports Centre (77284205)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motorcycling (62040) **9.00** Speedworld (52311) **11.00** Football (88224) **12.00** Rally (28866) **1.00pm** Triathlon (37514) **2.00** Mountainbike (43663) **3.00** Tennis (7490779) **8.00** Boxing (39685) **10.00** Football (18392) **11.00-12.30** Snooker

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway **6.30** Sounds Like a Story **6.45** Time for a Story **7.00** Alphabet Zoo **7.15** Sounds Like a Story **7.30** The Ghosts of Molley Hall **8.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.30** Runway **9.00** Families **9.30** Crown Court **10.00** World in Action **10.30** Poor Little Rich Girls **11.00** Medics **12.00** A Fine Romance **12.30pm** Classic Coronation Street **1.00** Crown Court **1.30** Families **2.00** A Piece of Cake **3.00** Poor Little Rich Girls **3.30** Seven Up in the USSR **4.00** The Charmer **5.15** Families **6.00** The Grumbleweeds Radio Show **6.30** Classic Coronation Street **7.00** Crown Court **7.30** A Fine Romance **8.00** Medics **9.00** The Good Life Guide **9.25** Classic Coronation Street **10.00-11.00** The Charmer
From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-6.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. With recipes and ideas from Delia Smith and Keith Floyd
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Diet and Fitness with Rosemary Conley
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Pocahontas (8751392) **5.00** The Red Empire (2010330) **6.00** The World at War (3814985) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Jesse Jackson (8214356)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **9am-4am** every day on cable.
8.00pm Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (6290779) **9.00** Starman (8203243) **10.00** The New Edge (76103300) **10.30** CyNet Central (7696750) **11.00** Friday the 13th (9751408) **12.00** The Incredible Hulk (3383199) **1.00am** Tales of the Unexpected (6938460) **1.30** New Alfred Hitchcock (9342067) **2.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3946538) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (2958373) **3.00** Friday the 13th (6897625) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (16064712)

Meryl Streep rides the rapids (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7546021) **9.30** The Garden Show (1951917) **10.00** Two's Country (4722040) **10.30** The House (7542206) **11.00** Furniture to Go (5126175) **11.30** *Dallywise* (5194576) **12.00** Jute Child (7566885) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (7251953) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7124175) **1.30** Home Again (8701494) **2.00** Hometime (8127953) **2.30** Garden Club (5833953) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (8146088) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (5845798)
From 4.00pm-Midnight DISCOVERY
4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (5824205) **4.30** Bush Tucker Man (5853717) **5.00** Time Travellers (8118205) **5.30** Jurassica II (5844069) **6.00** Shark Week (6701214) **7.00** Crocodile Hunters (8138069) **7.30** Mysterious World (5854446) **8.00** Shark Week (2386311) **9.00** Battlefields II (2305175) **10.00** Shark Science (2376934) **11.00-12.00** Inside the Octagon (7101224)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (7194934) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (7113069) **8.00** Neighbours (7565156) **8.30** EastEnders (7564427) **9.00** The Bill (7556779) **9.30** The Sullivans (9151935) **10.00** Angels (7102953) **11.00** Bullseye (5195205) **11.30** Sale of the Century (5196934) **12.00** Tellystack (7568243) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5551971) **1.00** EastEnders (1627514) **1.35** Shelley (1096779) **2.20** For the Love of Ada (63489359) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (9576576) **3.30** The Bill (5847156) **4.00** Casualty (5119886) **5.00** Bullseye (8110653) **5.30** What a Carry On! (5846427) **6.00** Tellystack (5838040) **6.30** EastEnders (5683576) **7.05** Bob Monkhouse (4615330) **8.00** Funny You Ask (8149175) **8.30** Executive Stress (8128682) ***9.00*** The Sweeney (2375205) **10.00** The Bill (5981682) **10.35** Naked Video (8607934) **11.10** The Equalizer (3130086) **12.10am** Kessler (5957118) **1.05** Campaign (1087441) **2.00** Shopping at Night

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1457525) **6.20** Meltdown. Teenage Urban Adventures (1157773) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (332514) **7.15** Ready or Not (339427) **7.45** California Dreams (338798) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (8432006) **8.45** Art Attack (8864392) **9.00** Tiny TOC (until 3.00pm): Tiny and Crew (9080662) **9.20** Mr Benn (9000446) **9.40** Teddy Trucks (4094427) **9.50** Tower (4083311) **10.00** 10+2 (7954934) **10.20** The Clangers (8785596) **10.40** Bertha (3199088) **11.00** Dinobabes (656088) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (67717) **12.00** Barney (53088) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (81359) **1.00** Casper and *Friends* (63040) **1.30** *Tiny and Crew* (45821311) **1.55** Mr Benn (77480030) **2.20** Tower (80909446) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (3709834) **2.40** Bertha (9282224) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (5040) **3.30** Ready or Not (4427) **4.00** California Dreams (3934) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (2446)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (78934) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (64156) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (23775251) **7.15** Hey Arnold (85315614) **7.30** Rugrats (75750) **8.00** Doug (14175) **8.30** Aaahhh!! Real Monsters (13446) **9.00** Where is Carmen Sandiego? (17318) **9.30** Wishbone (41717) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (4332885) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (4283791) **10.35** Mr Men (8338448) **10.40** Wild Quack Quack (8335359) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (6955224) **11.00** BBC Block (91798) **12.00** Clarissa (84934) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (12205) **1.00** Babar (95514) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (11576) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (5507) **2.30** BBC Block (25601) **3.30** Aaahhh!! Real Monsters (7311) **4.00** Hey Arnold (4066) **4.30** Rugrats (5616507) **4.45** Doug (41614112) **5.00** Sister Sister (7069) **5.30** Moesha (4822) **6.00** Space Cases (7595) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (7205) **7.30** Benson (7359) **8.00** Due South (53634) **8.30** Due South (9088) **9.00** Soap (90408) **9.30** Taxi (32069) **10.00** Et Ut (85663) **10.30** Dr Katz (94311) **11.00** Nightstand (95952) **11.30** Nightstand (44362) **12.00** Sledgehammer (31880) **12.30am** Kids in the Hall (24002) **1.00** Due South (20460) **1.30** Due South (44538) **2.00** Et Ut (31151) **2.30** Dr Katz (50286) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (41538)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (8501296) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (2206804) **2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (4727586) **3.00** Land of the Giants (5125446) **4.00 FILM: Smile** (9137330) **6.00** Thunderbirds (8806048) **7.00** Monkey (2304717) **8.00** Remington Steele (2380137) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (2393601) **



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New Manchester City manager asks for patience and realism

Coppell foresees no quick fix

PHIL NOBLE



Lee, left, the Manchester City chairman, welcomes Coppell to Maine Road yesterday. He is the club's eighth manager in the past ten years

By David Maddock

STEVE COPPELL stood on the Maine Road pitch, surveying the focal point of his hope and ambition. What were to be the inspirational first words from the new manager of Manchester City on the sizeable task ahead of him? "There will be no miracle from me, that's for sure," he mumbled.

Hardly inspiring stuff, but then Coppell is a realist, and he was at pains yesterday, when introduced as the apparent saviour of a club with high ambition but low on achievement, to stress the difficulties ahead.

It was, in fact, hardly necessary, the long list of the great and not-so-good who have rejected the job being a testimony to its difficulties. But Coppell, a cautious man who treats words as if they are primed and dangerous, believes that the City fans must not burden him immediately with undue expectation.

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"It is a huge club with massive potential, and that is what sold the job to me," he said, "but there is no point in getting carried away. People have talked about my connection with Manchester United, and the rivalry there, but I'm not even thinking about that because we are just not in the same league."

City were relegated last season and are fourteenth in the Nationwide League first division, and Coppell said it would be "a very hard task" escaping. "Of course, my ambition is to get us up, and hopefully we will do it this year, but we have to be realistic. People say there is no quality in this division, but you get a war every Saturday and it is hard to play, even harder to get out of it."

Coppell, 41, the former England winger and Crystal Palace manager who had returned to Selhurst Park as director of football, admitted that he took a "blinkered" approach in accepting his new job, trying to put from his mind the people who had turned it down, and their reasons for doing so. It did, however, worry him that so many managers had been hired and fired in recent years.

It is a position that two candidates, George Graham and Dave Bassett, officially rejected, with several others, including Howard Kendall and Howard Wilkinson, removing themselves from the reckoning even at the "sounding out" stage.

Coppell has become the eighth manager at Maine Road in ten years, and inherits a club burdened with a debt that is spiralling towards £30 million. He was relaxed, though, as he revealed his reasons for accepting the job.

"It is not a poisoned chalice," he said. "It is a golden opportunity that I would be a fool not to have accepted. I was a little bit worried about the fact that there had been so many managers, but I am an animal who tends to roost wherever he lands.

"I had my blinkers on totally about this job. I didn't speak to Dave Bassett, and I didn't think about anyone's motives or decisions. All I knew was that it was right for me. I was going to take it, and that was that." He does not even have, he added, a problem with interfering chairman. "I had Ron Noades for ten years, who everyone said was a difficult chairman," he said. "We had a good relationship, and it worked at Crystal Palace, so I can't see any problems with Francis Lee. We both want the same things. If City are successful, then so am I, and Francis can relax."

Coppell would appear an odd choice for the blue team from Manchester, given his illustrious playing career in the red shirt of United. The feeling among the supporters huddled outside Maine Road, however, was one of relief that a new manager had finally been found after 42 days of fruitless search since the departure of Alan Ball.

There was a warmth to the greeting he received, even applause as he stepped out of the car that brought him to the ground. It is said of him at Palace that he is a good manager who does not want to manage. He will be given the resources to disprove that theory — £5 million — and a contract to provide sufficient motivation by doubling his salary of £150,000 a year if the team is promoted in his first season.

Across the city at Old Trafford, Andy Cole, who suffered two broken legs in a reserve-team game on Saturday, yesterday criticised Neil Ruddock, the Liverpool defender whose tackle caused the injuries.

"If challenges like this came in every game, then people are going to get seriously hurt," Cole said. "I have fractures to my left knee and right ankle. Ruddock said that he played the ball, but he was two or three yards behind me when he challenged, so how can he say that?"

Rugby league poised for world series

By Christopher Irvine

IF AMBITIOUS plans discussed in England and Australia yesterday for a world club series of rugby league come to fruition, all 12 European Super League sides will play a minimum six matches, home and away, against Australasian opposition next season. The new-look season would then culminate in cross-hemisphere knockout finals between the top eight finishers.

The idea is for two breaks, of a fortnight each, in the domestic Super League calendar next summer, when 72 group games would be staged. The finals would be in October at the end of an extended regular season in either hemisphere. Under a pool system, Europe would be guaranteed four quarter-finalists, in a radical departure from a world club championship, which is restricted to the leading sides.

The 11 English teams and Paris Saint-Germain would be split into four pools of three; the 12 Australasian representatives likewise. For example, each team in European group one would travel to play the three teams in Australasia group four and vice-versa, in a series of trans-global home and away legs. At the end of the six matches, eight winners would emerge from the four pools in either hemisphere into a knock-out situation.

Details are being worked out by Super League executives in Sydney after the appeal court victory there last Friday, which lifted the ban on the Australasian Super League (ASL). The proposal was one of three discussed yesterday by Rugby League (Europe) (RLE), the new joint company of the European clubs, including a straightforward world knockout competition and a system of matches against Australasian sides counting towards Super League points at home.

Chris Caisley, the RLE chairman, said: "We'd hoped to have a fixture format worked out by the middle of the week. The system of meeting Australasian sides home and away at breaks in the season is an appealing and certainly highly exciting one, not only from the point of view that all clubs will benefit from more and meaningful fixtures, but also from the commercial perspective."

More worrying is the gap that sides will have to make up on most of their counterparts in Australia. The potential for embarrassment is clear. Paris's fragile development and confidence is unlikely to be helped by ritual slaughters by Brisbane and Canberra. Wigan, St Helens and Bradford Bulls are probably capable of keeping up with the best Antipodean company, but sides' competitiveness falls away steeply outside this trio.

What it would provide is the opportunity to try to close the gap and for European sides to learn from the best. For clubs who barely scraped by last season on 11 home matches, a guaranteed three additional games at home, and three 12,000 miles away, should drum up valuable revenue, as well as fulfilling the global vision of Super League.

In terms of cost and logistics, the proposal for the most ambitious international club competition in sporting history is rather more difficult to fulfil. It is no coincidence that airlines are to be approached about sponsorship. It is intended that sides travelling to Australia and New Zealand would play their three away legs over eight days.

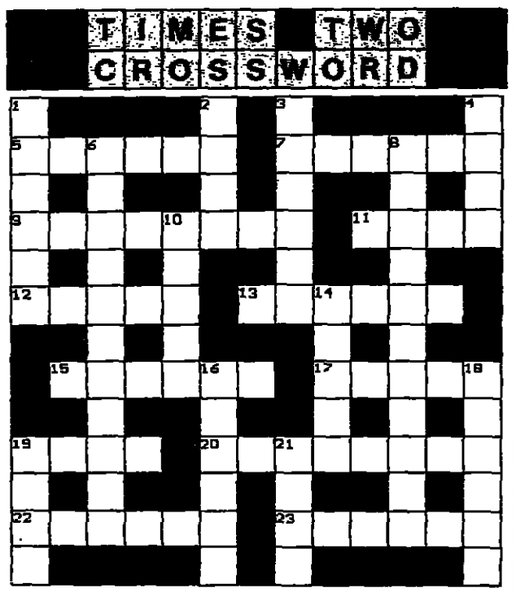
SUPER LEAGUE

EUROPEAN CLUBS: St Helens, Wigan, Bradford Bulls, Paris Saint-Germain, Leeds, London Broncos, Castleford Tigers, Oldham Bears, Sheffield Eagles, Salford Reds, Warrington, Halifax Blue Sox.
AUSTRALASIAN CLUBS: Canberra Raiders, Brisbane Broncos, Canterbury Bulldogs, Cronulla, North Queensland Cowboys, Perth Western Reds, Auckland Warriors, Hunter Mariners, Adelaide Rams, Penrith Panthers, plus Fiji and Papua New Guinea, if required

Fiji and Papua New Guinea could be brought into the world series should the ASL fail to get its numbers up from ten clubs, but, as loyalties of certain Australian Rugby League clubs appear to be crumbling, that problem might also be resolved.

Jon Roper's knee ligament injury has recovered sufficiently for him to be considered for a second appearance on Great Britain's tour in their opening match in New Zealand on Thursday. Great Britain meet a Lion Red Cup XIII at Carlaw Park, Auckland. The only injury doubt is Anthony Sullivan, who went off at half-time in the defeat of Fiji last Saturday with a shoulder problem.

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ACROSS
5 Pass disease to (6)
7 Dally (6)
9 Tentative, cautious (8)
11 True statement (4)
12 Discourage (5)
13 Covered way (of eg shops) (6)
15 (Eg Stanislavsky's) way of proceeding (6)
17 Express gratitude (5)
19 Feeble; watered down (4)
20 Place for treating in-patients (8)
22 Non-cleric, non-expert (6)
23 Unrefined (6)

DOWN
1 Surrounded (6)
2 A distant sun (4)
3 Actor; pianist (6)
4 Worry; decorative pattern (4)
6 Three-card trick (4,3,4)
8 Top chessplayer (11)
10 "This —, this realm, this England" *(Richard II)* (5)
14 Dissected (3,2)
16 Available, close by (2,4)
18 Good working order (usu. *out of* it) (6)
19 Droop (4)
21 Draw up (into mouth) (4)

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Henman: top 30 place

Henman reaches new high

TIM HENMAN yesterday became the first British player since John Lloyd, in December 1984, to break into the top 30 in the world tennis rankings. As a result of reaching the semi-finals of the Lyon tournament last week, Henman has risen from 32 to 26 on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer.

Henman has withdrawn from the Vienna tournament this week because of blisters, but will be back on the circuit at Ostrava, in the Czech Republic, next week.

Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, has also risen, from 84 to 75, after reaching the semi-finals in Singapore last week. Rusedski is competing in Peking this week.

Sam Smith has become the British No 1 for the first time after improving her world ranking from 214 to 134 in the past two weeks. Smith, who jumps above Rachel Viollet and Clare Wood, reached the semi-finals of the Limoges Challenger event two weeks ago and beat Asa Carlsson, of Sweden, in the Leipzig tournament last week.

Yorkshire to move home

By Christopher Irvine

YORKSHIRE County Cricket Club gave notice yesterday that it is to quit Headingley, 97 years after England drew with Australia in the first Test match there. The 22-acre site cost £25,000 in 1889. The overall bill for the new home, on a green-field location off the M1 near Wakefield, will be nearer £50 million by the time the county takes up residence in April 2000.

The M1 end might not carry the resonance of the Kirkstall Lane end, nor the White Rose Stadium the ring of Headingley, but 25,000 spectators will be housed in more comfort than anywhere in the country. Moreover, Yorkshire will own the place. As tenants of the Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company, life has not been easy at their increasingly time-worn ground.

The change of address is not costing the club a penny. National Lottery, European grant and public and private-sector funding is expected to meet the cost of the stadium, a cricket academy and museum, five practice pitches, plus a hotel, marina, railway station and parking for 1,400 cars on the 240-acre site.

Yorkshire's membership is nowhere near as volatile nowadays. Although not consulted before the general committee's acceptance of a bid by Wakefield Council over one by the Leeds local authority, Sir Lawrence Byford, the county's president, said that 90 per cent of members would approve.

Poor facilities and racist attacks on Pakistan supporters on the notorious Western Terrace last summer threatened Headingley's survival as a Test venue in the long term.

Sir Lawrence said: "Unfortunately, Headingley has got a reputation and will suffer because of that. Compared with other Test grounds, we haven't got the facilities, whereas Wakefield will offer a ground comparable to the best in the world. We've full backing from the Test and County Cricket Board. When the pitch settles down, we'd hope for Test status."

The cricket pitch, where Botham and Willis beat Australia and Boycott posted 100 centuries, could be concreted over by a supermarket. The Sutcliffe Gates, however, will be going to Wakefield with Yorkshire.

Greenwich seeks stadium

By John Goodbody

GREENWICH is being considered as the site for the new national stadium, an 80,000-seat venue that would stage England football internationals, the FA Cup Final and important rugby league and athletics events.

The stadium, which would also be the centrepiece of any bid to stage the 2006 World Cup or the 2008 Olympic Games, would be incorporated into the Millennium exhibition, which has already been awarded to the peninsula, jutting out into the Thames from southeast London.

Talks over the rival bids of Wembley and Manchester have become stalled and sources in the National Stadium Steering Group say that the Greenwich alternative is now being examined. A stadium in Greenwich would be a disaster for Wembley, where the contract with the Football Association expires in 2002. Without the leading matches of the national game, the famous stadium, first built for the Empire exhibition in 1923, would not be financially viable and almost certainly would have to be demolished.

Manchester has already been assured of financial assistance by the Sports Council for a smaller arena for the 2002 Commonwealth Games, even if the city is not chosen as venue for the national stadium.

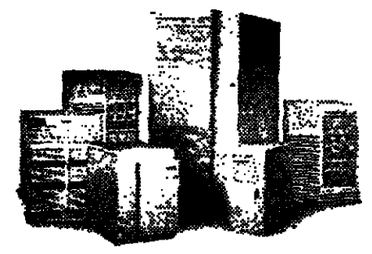
Work on preparing the 80-acre site in Greenwich, which will have a tube station opened in 1998 as part of the Jubilee line extension, has already started. The exhibition, which will have a roof covering an area larger than Trafalgar Square, is expected to cost at least £500 million, with £200 million coming from the millenium commission.

If a stadium were built, a further £200 million would have to be found. £100 million of lottery money is earmarked for a national stadium and the remainder would come from the private sector, with possibly the FA Premier League making a contribution.

Wembley and Manchester were short-listed for the stadium last October, ahead of Sheffield, Birmingham and Bradford.

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Volcano rumbles as world awaits Icelandic deluge

BY HILDUR HELGA SIGURDARDOTTIR IN REYKJAVIK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

INTENSE seismic activity rumbled on under Iceland's Vatnajokull glacier yesterday, as the world's press waited to witness the inevitable flood from ice melted by the erupting volcano.

Such flooding is notoriously difficult to predict, but most Icelandic geophysicists believe it will happen within days, if not hours. Atrocious weather closed in, making visibility too poor for cameramen and scientists to make out the glacier.

"It is like watching the doorknob of the Hofdi House [setting of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik ten years ago] for hours on end," said one veteran journalist.

Scientists estimate that when melted glacier water eventually bursts through, the torrents will reach a speed of between 10 and 25 yards a second. Seismologists also noticed earthquake activity at another volcano buried up to 3,300 ft under the glacier.

A gigantic lake of glacier water melted by the volcano is building up under the icecap and scientists predict that it will soon burst through the grimy-looking glacier and flood large areas of remote and mainly uninhabited eastern Iceland.

An eruption burst through the remote Vatnajokull glacier in the southeast of the island on Wednesday, creating a dramatic ice fissure six miles long. The volcano spewed a towering column of ash and steam into the sky and ash began settling in villages in the north and east of the country on Sunday.

Pall Imsland, an Iceland University geologist, said he was still recording "pulsating tremor activity" at the site of the volcano.

Engineers braved driving rain and gale-force winds to try to detect the first signs that vast quantities of water were about to burst from a subglacial lake filled to the brim by the eruption.

"It is like giving birth to a child. You know it's coming, but not when," said Einer Haflidasson, chief engineer for the Icelandic Public Roads Administration.

□ **Geneva:** Baffled scientists in Switzerland have noticed the sudden growth of one of the country's mountains — while the rest of the Alps appear to be shrinking (Peter Capella writes).

The Mönch, a favourite landmark with tourists and climbers in the Bernese Oberland, will now register 4,107 metres (12,200ft) on maps, eight metres (27ft) more than it did when it was last measured seven years ago.

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Rivals' flags united

The flags of rivals Taiwan and communist China fly side by side after protesters landed on a disputed cluster of islands in the East China Sea in a challenge to Japan's claim to sovereignty. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, said that the dispute over the islands — known as the Diaoyu in China and Taiwan, and Senkaku in Japan — must not be allowed to get out of hand. The two separate "invasions" were staged by activists from Taiwan and Hong Kong in a flotilla of small boats. Some pelted Japanese forces with eggs and tomatoes in a series of confrontations at sea. The Hong Kong group had spent a week training for the landing to avoid the calamity that befell David Chan, a leading activist from the colony, who drowned 12 days ago when he plunged into the sea near the islands.

US tries to win support for Africa crisis force

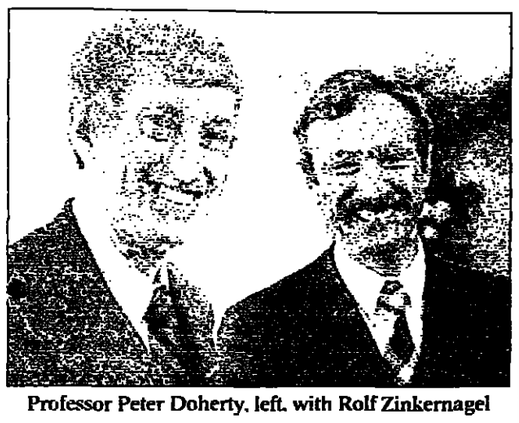
FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

THE American Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, arrived in Mali yesterday at the start of his first visit to Africa on a belated mission to persuade the continent's leaders that they have not been forgotten.

State Department officials said yesterday that Mr Christopher will try to drum up support for a standing army, the African Crisis Intervention Force, which would set up civilian havens in war zones. The army of 10,000 Africans would be financed by America and Europe.

During stops in Mali, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Angola and South Africa, Mr Christopher is also expected to ask heads of state and the Organisation of African Unity for nominations to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The press in Nairobi has been unimpressed. *Nation* said that the safari had more to do with delivering black American votes for President Clinton than anything else.



Professor Peter Doherty, left, with Rolf Zinkernagel

Immunity scientists win Nobel prize for 'killer cell' find

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO scientists who helped to explain how the body fights off invading germs were yesterday awarded the 1996 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Peter Doherty, an Australian who started his research career in Edinburgh, and Rolf Zinkernagel of Switzerland shared $1.12 million (£723,000) for work done more than 20 years ago at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra.

Working with mice, they showed how the T-cells of the immune system recognise virus-infected cells for elimination. The work "fundamentally changed our understanding of the development and normal function of the immune system", the Karolinska Institute of Stockholm said yesterday in awarding the prize.

For the T-cells to function, the two scientists demonstrated, the infected cell must show signs of the virus, plus a chemical label that identifies the cell as belonging to the host. The work also has relevance to auto-immune diseases — in which the immune system attacks the body's own cells — such as rheumatic conditions, multiple sclerosis and diabetes.

Dr Doherty, 55, now works at the St Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He did his PhD research at Edinburgh University before working between 1967 and 1971 at the Moredun Research Institute in Edinburgh. Dr Zinkernagel, 52, worked with Dr Doherty in Canberra in the early 1970s, when the prize-winning research was carried out, and now heads the Institute of Experimental Immunology in Zurich.

"A Nobel Prize is always a surprise," Dr Zinkernagel said yesterday. He said he had not expected to win because the prize had been given in 1980 for similar work. "I thought then that the subject had been covered," he said.

In their research, the two showed that infected mice developed killer T-cells which, in a test tube, are able to destroy cells carrying the infecting virus. To their surprise, they also found that the T-cells are only effective against a specific virus in a specific mouse, and will not protect a different animal. These findings "had an immediate impact on immunological research", the institute said in its citation.

Dr Doherty said the research also applies to Aids because the T-cells he and Dr Zinkernagel studied keep HIV, which causes Aids, in check for long periods by killing infected cells. Recent research has shown that, in the early stages of Aids infection, millions of cells every day are killed by the T-cells.

This year's six prizes are worth a total of $0.72 million. But the Nobel Foundation will spend nearly as much, $6.4 million, in actually choosing the winners. The process involves reviewing research that can be, as in this case, several decades old.

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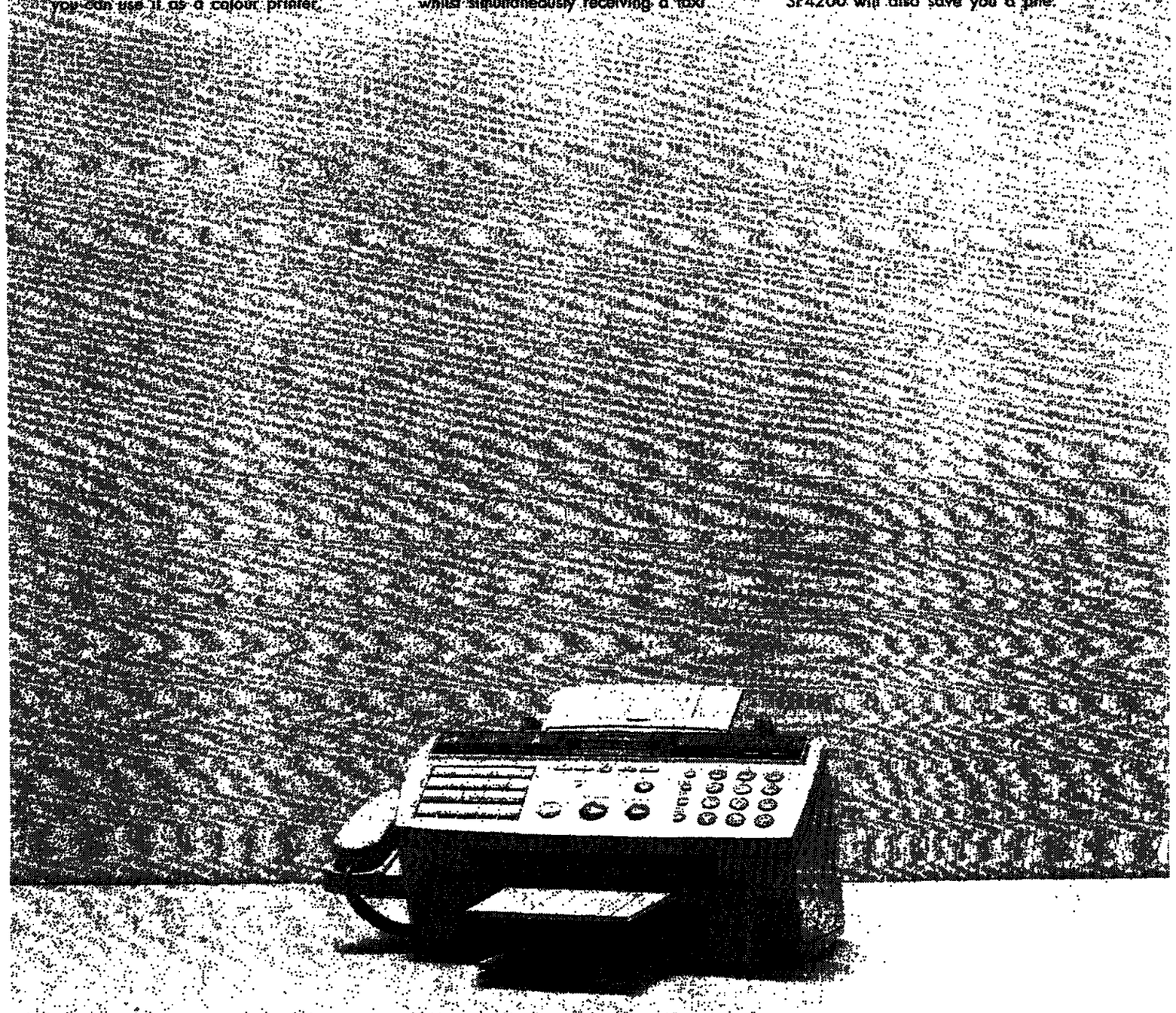
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Day two: The curious ménage à trois that survived Bacon's chaos and provided a lover and housekeeper



FRANCIS BACON *REVEALED*

Two men, and nanny made three



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Francis Bacon set up a delicate balance in his life between roaring rebel — atheist, homosexual, drinker, gambler — and wounded, gifted son

Within a year of returning to London, Francis Bacon managed to absorb the basic painting techniques he needed, move from watercolour and gouache to oil and organise two exhibitions. He also found a benevolent lover and an eccentric housekeeper who devoted their lives to him.

His female companion was Jessie Lightfoot, who had looked after Francis from his infancy in Ireland and who came closer to him than anyone else in the family. A determined and capable woman, she would have been in her late fifties when Francis returned to London from Paris. The Bacon family had dismissed her once they no longer had need of a children's nurse, and in the worsening economic climate, when domestic servants were less in demand, she had been unable to find other employment. By 1931, Jessie Lightfoot had moved in with Bacon at his Queensberry Mews studio.

The third member of the odd ménage created by Francis was Eric Hall. During their long, relatively stable relationship, Hall helped Bacon in numerous ways. First and foremost, he provided the paternal encouragement and advice which the younger man felt he had so sorely lacked.

A patron of the arts, Hall had a comfortable private fortune which he spent freely on his pleasures and interests, and in his company Bacon was able to supplement his erratic, piecemeal education. Together they went to concerts, the cinema and the theatre; and although Bacon had developed his own interests since adolescence, he became more aware of the theatre, and of Greek tragedy and Shakespeare especially, during this period. It is likely, too, that his reading became more sophisticated under Hall's influence.

In this belated and unorthodox education special attention was paid to the best food and wine. Eating and drinking remained high priorities for Bacon, and he credited Eric Hall with making him aware of their importance.

It is difficult to know how this curious threesome worked, since Bacon himself made a point of subsuming specific oddities in his life into the larger madness of existence. "My life has been so ridiculous in these ways," he would say as he recalled a curious incident, "but then all life is really ridiculous — ridiculous and futile — if you look at it clearly." However, the simple fact that this domestic arrangement lasted for many years, withstanding all kinds of strain including frequent changes of address,

> An alias often came in handy for Jessie and Francis

shows how deep the attachment ran. In fact, no other relationship in Bacon's life ever approached it in terms of domestic stability and duration.

It says a great deal for Nanny Lightfoot that she could fit into the emotional and financial chaos Francis whipped up around him, and that she accepted the consequences of his unusual tastes and talents. Francis was manifestly fonder of Jessie than he had ever been of his own mother; and it was no coincidence that whenever he wanted an alibi he styled himself "Francis Lightfoot". An alias came in handy during the years that this odd duo lived together, since they were often as light of finger as of foot.

To provide extra money and also because he enjoyed the excitement and uncertainty it involved, Francis began to advertise himself in *The Times* — its front page being then reserved entirely for various messages and insertions — as a "gentleman's companion". This was a well-known ploy in the homosexual world, and it appealed to Francis's keen sense of the absurd that he could make illegal solicitations through such a respectable medium. "The replies used to pour in," he recalled with glee years later, "and my old nanny used to go through them all and pick out the best ones. I must say she was always right."

Whenever Francis set out to find a new lover, he used artifice to maximum effect. From the transvestite bars of Berlin to the male prostitutes on display around Pigalle in Paris, he had seen every device and disguise imaginable. He himself had no fear of appearing outrageous, and his extravagant use of lipstick was a matter of general comment.

What Nanny Lightfoot made of these and subsequent goings-on is not recorded, but it is obvious that she was beyond being shocked by anything that brought in the money. The subject closest to the old lady's heart was capital punishment: she longed for the day, she told Francis's visitors, when the gibbet would be re-erected at Marble Arch, with the Duchess of Windsor as the first public enemy to be hanged, drawn and quartered there. Pronouncements of this kind, together with the fact that Nanny slept on the kitchen table (there being nowhere else), did nothing to make the Bacon-Lightfoot relationship appear less strange.

As for Eric Hall, he would probably have remained in decent obscurity had he not fallen so conspicuously — and in some ways disastrously — in love with Francis Bacon. His life up until that point appears to have been a model of respectability. After Malvern and Oxford, he had served in the First World War, then worked as a banker and a director of Peter Jones, the department store; later he became a Justice of the Peace and a member of Chelsea Borough Council, showing a strong interest in education and the arts. But his outwardly staid life was turned upside-down by his passion for the young, charming and feckless painter. Over the 15 years or so that their friendship lasted, the sexual side presumably became less central. Bacon may well have had other affairs during this time, but it is clear that he depended on Hall's support — emotional, moral and financial — and remained lastingly grateful to him.

Eric Hall remained married but his wife and son were made increasingly aware of the liaison, not least because neither of the lovers made any attempt to conceal it. Out of a mischievous desire to *épater les bourgeois*, the two men once went together to visit Hall's son while he was at Eton, and took him out to tea, braving the outraged stares of the other boys and their families.

The real victim of the affair, in fact, was Hall's son, Ivan, who became severely deranged, and later blamed Bacon for his mental condition. Bacon himself recalled the episode with more guilt than mirth: "I can see now that the whole thing must have looked very odd. After Eric died, I don't know whether it was really because of his friendship with me, but the son went completely mad. He used to come round to where I lived and shake his hands at me and shout 'It's because of you I'm like this!' Then later, when he was in a hotel somewhere, he jumped out on a woman in the corridor and broke her arm. After that they put him in one of those homes." Ivan appears in 1953 as a certified patient at Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water; unlike Hall's other dependants, no provision was made for him in his father's will.

Hall and Jessie Lightfoot seem to have coexisted quite happily, though sharing the chaos and countless shifts in fortune on which the young artist thrived can hardly have been a bed of roses. Jessie found contentment in taking care of Francis. She also had a chance to shine during the gaming parties Bacon and Eric Hall organised at Cromwell Place. After taking hats and coats, she made sure everyone had plenty to eat and drink, cheerfully augmenting the house's takings with her tips. She also kept the flat's lavatory locked and had to be prevailed on whenever somebody had need of it. Gambling was illegal at this time and, if detected, severely punished. Bacon's precaution was to keep four lookouts on the pavement outside dressed as housepainters complete with ladders and buckets. Not only did he and Hall escape arrest, they made a financial success of the whole venture.





Two sides of an oddly successful triangle: Jessie Lightfoot and Eric Hall

Around 1950 the delicate balance the artist had set up in his life between roaring rebel — atheist, homosexual, drinker, drifter, gambler — and deeply wounded, artistically gifted son no longer satisfied his needs. Vital and healing as the relationship with his two chosen "parents" had been over the previous decade, its limitations became more clearly marked as the mature man began to emerge. Francis's real father had been dead for ten years. Eddy Bacon's presence extended well beyond the grave, but the son had to some extent freed himself from its shadow by bringing out a succession of "Heads" howling their rage and pain.

The success of these pictures emboldened him aesthetically and emotionally over the next few years to confront the image of paternal authority *par excellence*, the Pope, and execute a magnificent series of paraphrases — or parodies — of Velazquèz's portrait of Innocent X: rarely can a father figure have been pilloried and rejected with such ferocity.

In fact Francis rejected all father figures, in life if not in art, around this date. Exactly how the relationship with Eric Hall ended is a matter of conjecture, but it seems likely that the artist tired of it. One suspects that he enjoyed Hall's encouragement and protectiveness as well as the relative luxury of their life together. But these advantages had dwindled, along with Hall's fortune, depleted by obsessive forays into the Monte Carlo casino. As Bacon gained a more secure footing in the art world and began to earn a certain amount of money for himself, Hall may have begun to seem more like an impediment to his full enjoyment of life. The older man may well have accepted his young friend's promiscuity, but his constant presence would certainly have made it difficult for Francis to begin another "serious" affair.

"There it is," Bacon often said once he had recounted episodes from his past. "I decided when I was very young that I would have this extraordinary life, going everywhere and meeting everyone. But of course," he would add, not unguiltily, "I used everybody along the way."

He may well have had Hall in mind, because although the break between them did not destroy their very real affection for each other, it did leave Hall in an appalling situation. For love of Francis, he had abandoned wife and family, and in the process he had set off or at least accelerated the mental instability of his son, Ivan; he had squandered much of his inheritance, as his will makes plain; and when Francis left him he had nowhere to go. Eventually, he moved into the Bath Club, haunted by feelings of loss until his death.

Ruthless and even cruel though he could be, Bacon never forgot the kindness of others. The caustic or flippant way he referred to the end of their affair did not preclude a deep remorse. But soon his life was to be shattered by a far greater pain.

Bacon's relationship with Jessie Lightfoot had been all-accepting: he of her growing frailty, her lack of education and her manifold oddities; she of his apparent fecklessness, his instability, his godless amorality. So when Jessie Lightfoot died of heart failure, aged 80, Bacon's world fell apart. His distress made it impossible for him to continue living in the studio he had shared with Nanny and Hall. For several years thereafter, Bacon lived a kind of self-imposed exile, constantly on the move from one rented room to another.

He had been in Nice at the time of Jessie's death. Was his grief compounded by guilt that he had let her die alone? Certainly the impulse to give up Cromwell Place and live like an urban nomad could be seen as a form of punishment — all the more so since, despite his frequent moves, the artist rarely strayed far from the immediate area and the memories it was bound to evoke.

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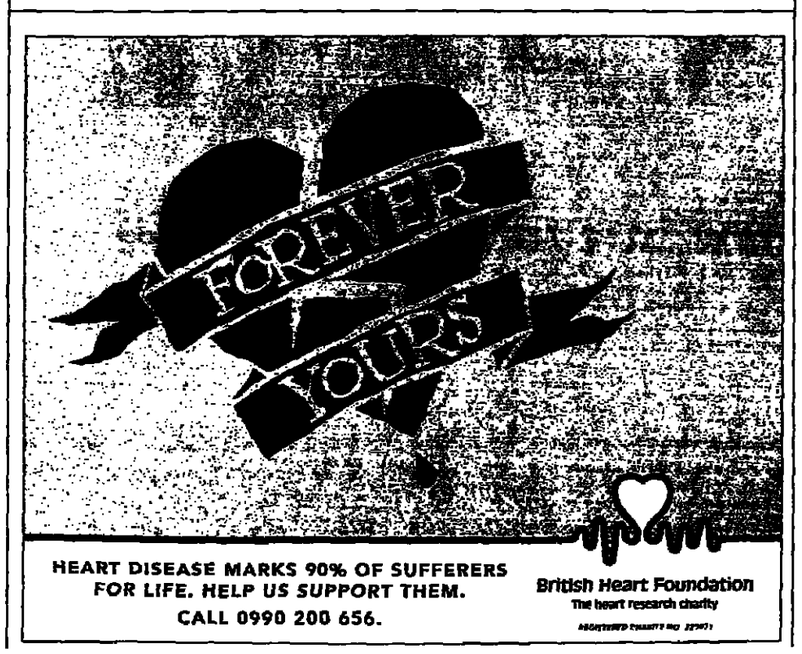
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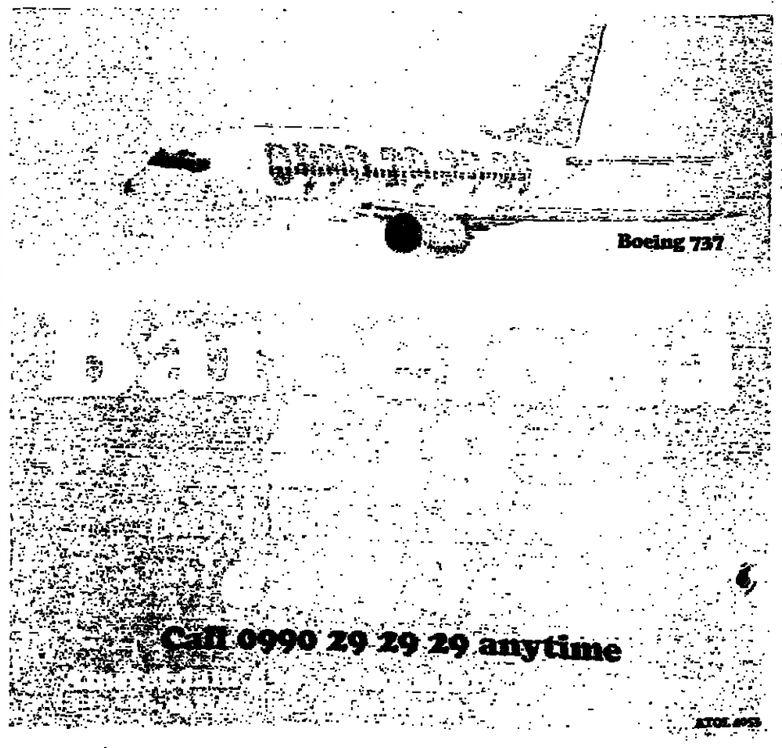
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The last President of the Soviet Union tells **Richard Beeston** Moscow cannot afford any more sick leaders

Russia's unrecognised prophet

In a country obsessed by medical bulletins and haunted by the ghostly figure of its ailing leader, nothing contrasts the state of President Yeltsin's decline quite so sharply as a meeting with his lifelong political rival, Mikhail Gorbachev.

Although the two men are both 65, today they look as though they come from different generations. Five years in power has transformed Yeltsin into a white-haired, sickly figure, who moves with difficulty and can barely manage a few hours of work from his hospital bed.

Gorbachev's hair may have grown a bit thinner and his wrinkles a little deeper, but otherwise he is unaltered. His eyes still sparkle with the enthusiasm of the man who tried to change the world. His hands are constantly in motion, either wagging a finger for emphasis or attempting to grasp some elusive point a few inches from his nose.

While Yeltsin limits himself to one or two meetings a day, Gorbachev's anteroom is packed with politicians, journalists and diplomats, whom he squeezes into his schedule of lecture tours and speeches.

> 'I have only been in politics 40 years. I still have a lot to do'

"I have never felt better," he says, reaching over to the wooden coffee table and tapping it twice. "I have only been in politics for 40 years. That's very little time. I still have a lot to do."

That a politician who received only 0.5 per cent support in June's presidential elections can speak with such confidence is due entirely to his indefatigable spirit. During his campaign he was shouted down, on one occasion physically attacked by an irate Siberian, and used as whipping boy by his rivals.

But Gorbachev, the consummate politician, never gave up. By his own admission he enjoys verbal combat and is making discreet preparations for his next foray into the jungle of Russian politics.

When the subject of Yeltsin comes up, Gorbachev chooses his words carefully, but makes sure that his message is clear. He cannot afford to be seen taking advantage of his old enemy's ill health; on the other hand he wants the world to know that his warnings about Yeltsin's unstable mental character and poor physical shape are proving to be true.

That is one of the key themes in his book *Memoirs*, which is published in Britain this month, and charts the rise of a collective farmworker's son who became the Soviet Union's last leader.

While Gorbachev is not a vindictive person, Yeltsin is the exception. From the time that Yeltsin was summoned to Moscow to help to invigorate the team of reformers Gorbachev was putting together, the two men began the duel that persists to this day.

Yeltsin is described as vindictive, unpredictable and at times unstable. On one occasion, detailed in the book, Gorbachev recalls how in 1987 Yeltsin's depression led to a "simulated suicide attempt". The future Russian leader was found in a pool of blood, after he cut himself with a pair of scissors.

Now, with the two politicians locked together like rivals in a Pushkin story, where one man has power but not the health to use it and the other has lost power but none of his physical ability, Gorbachev says it is time to think of bigger issues.

"I watched first as a sick [Leonid] Brezhnev ruled, followed by a sick [Yuri] Andropov, followed by a sick [Konstantin] Chernenko. We lost at least ten valuable years because of leaders who were 25, 50 and sometimes 100 per cent out of action.

"Today the situation is even more serious because all power in Russia is concentrated in the hands of the President. Yeltsin has been ill for a long time ... When I look at him now I immediately see Brezhnev and Chernenko all over again. For his own good and the good of Russia he has to step aside. The country's future cannot depend on his lengthy medical treatment. Russia cannot afford to waste any more time."

With the confused and potentially explosive political climate in Russia, Gorbachev confesses he is looking forward to his trip to America and Britain to promote his book.

A nostalgic, almost dreamy, look crosses his face as he contemplates his return to Britain, more than a decade after the visit that altered his career for ever and probably played some part in changing world history. "I can still remember that lunch at Chequers. Thatcher and I were red in the face from quarrelling," he recalls, with a chuckle. "Raisa told me afterwards that she and Denis thought we had gone mad. We were so worked up that even our heads were turned away from each other by the end."

The clash of Cold War ideologies finally gave way to a heart-to-heart talk by the fireside. Margaret Thatcher discovered a man she could "do business with" and Gorbachev went on to dismantle the Soviet police state.

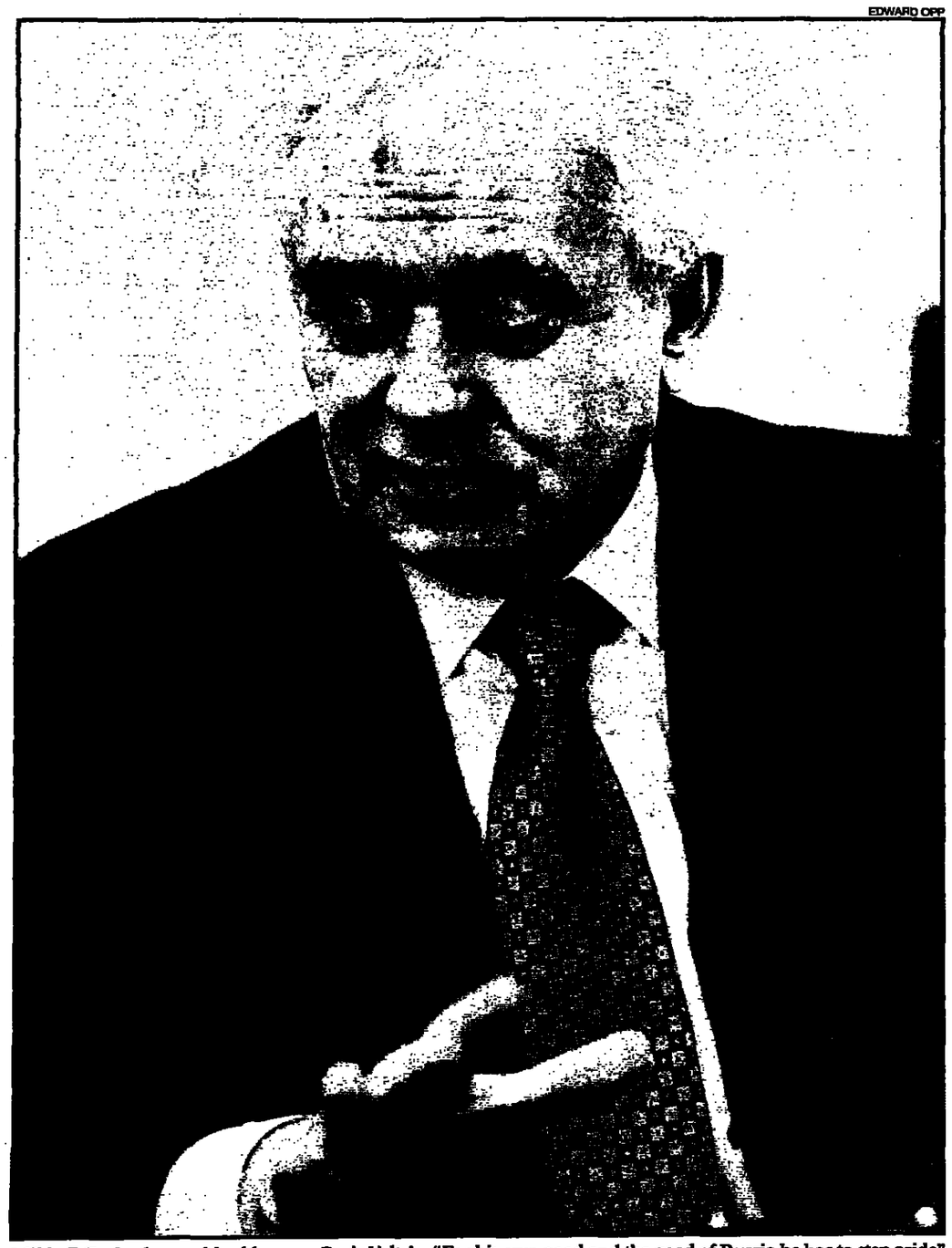
"I did not quite realise what an impact that trip had made until I returned home and saw the expression on Andrei Gromyko's [Soviet Foreign Minister] face. He understood that something fundamental had changed in the way East and West were moving."

When he arrives in Britain later this month, the former Soviet leader does not plan to leave any historic milestones. What he can expect, however, is the enthusiastic reception he usually receives in the West, but which is rarely accorded him in his own country.

"A prophet is never recognised in his own country," he says with a smile. Although he is referring to Baroness Thatcher, we both know he is talking about himself.

● *Memoirs will be published by Doubleday, £25*

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Mikhail Gorbachev on his old enemy Boris Yeltsin: "For his own good and the good of Russia he has to step aside"

THE TIMES / DILLONS FORUM

Gorbachev: Why I did what I did

Your chance to question his policies

As President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev set in motion some of the most far-reaching events in 20th-century history. It was his vision that led, ultimately, to the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism in the East.



Times readers can hear his account of these and other vital episodes in his life at a *Times* / Dillons forum on Tuesday, October 29. In conversation with Timothy Garton Ash, the celebrated chronicler of the end of communism in Eastern Europe, Mr Gorbachev will discuss, through an interpreter, his remarkable career, and answer questions from the audience.

The forum, marking publication of Mr Gorbachev's *Memoirs* (Doubleday, £25), will be held at Westminster Central Hall, London SW1, at 7.30pm.

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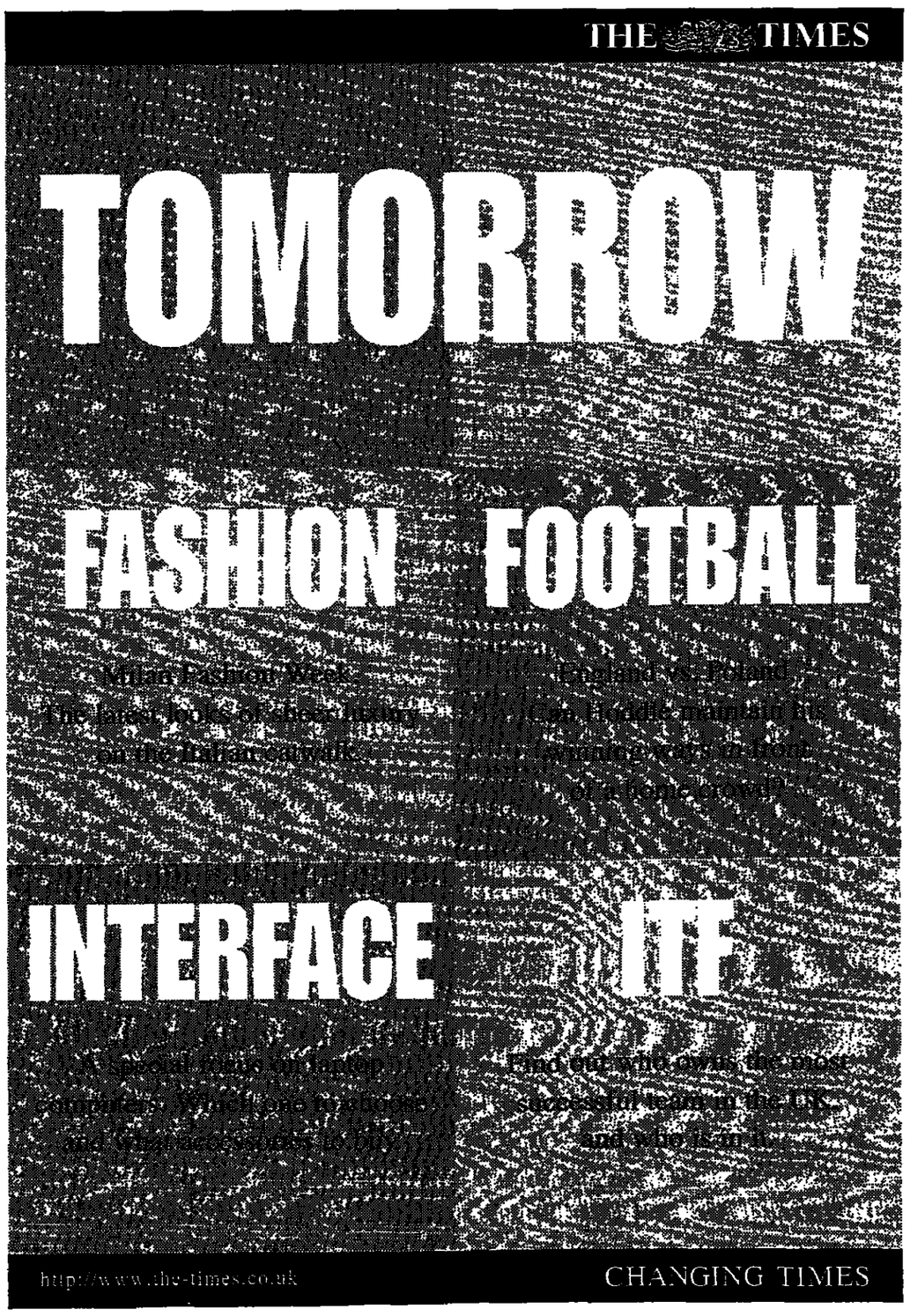
Seats of learning

The throne in the Palace of Knossos in Crete has been described as "Europe's oldest chair". The claim is unlikely to be correct. What is certain is that high-backed chairs with arm-rests were reserved in ancient times for ceremonial purposes. They enabled rulers and high priests to assume a relaxed, dignified, and elevated position, while everyone else stood at their feet. From the royal throne, the chair as a symbol of authority has passed to the cathedra or See of bishops and to the Chairs of professors.

Furniture for everyday sitting is a relatively modern, European invention. Primitive peoples sat, squatted, or lay on the floor. Many Asian nations still prefer to do so. Ancient Greeks and Romans reclined on couches. Individual chairs were first introduced into monastic cells, perhaps to facilitate reading. They did not join the standard household inventory until the 16th century. They were not widely used in schools, offices and workplaces until the end of the 19th century.

Unfortunately, flat-bottomed chairs do not match the requirements of the human anatomy. Chairs lift the thighs at right-angles to the trunk and disrupt the equilibrium of the skeleton, putting abnormal stress on the immobilised pelvis, hip joints and lumbar regions. Chronic backache is one of the many self-inflicted scars of modern progress.

● *An edited extract from* Europe: A History *by Norman Davies. OUP £25*



Block the euro with the treaty

John Redwood calls for a

diplomatic offensive to stop EMU

The Prime Minister's article in Saturday's *Times* contained a welcome new opinion. He said of our partners: "If they destabilise their economies and the single market — for example by fudging the criteria for entry — the British economy will suffer as well." This statement, if followed through, would give Britain a chance to influence the debate. It is one I entirely agree with.

So often the debate about monetary union misses the main point, or the agreement between some of the protagonists. Both sides want Britain to have influence in Europe. One side wants the Cabinet to make up its mind. The other side does not. Those of us who want a decision are accused of wanting to marginalise Britain, or undermine its influence. Yet we want a decision because it is the only way Britain can have influence.

If in a meeting there is a heated argument going on, you will not be heard if you occasionally murmur that you have not yet made up your mind. Even if the meeting is well chaired, and you are asked your view, confessing that it is too difficult for you to decide is no way to grab the agenda or settle the differences around the table. So it is not possible for Britain to have any influence on monetary union while we do not have a position.

So what could we do? There are three possible attitudes Britain could adopt now with a view to influencing the debate. The first is to say that we are against the scheme, and then bend our diplomatic and financial weight to preventing it. The second is to say that we like the idea of monetary union in principle, but this particular schemeill not work and cannot happen under a strict interpretation of the treaty. We could then table proposals that we think would work. The third is to say that the Franco-German scheme is a good one, and to help them to fudge and weave to see it through, despite the words of the treaty.

I, of course, want us to do the first, to state clearly and categorically why this scheme is bad for Britain, bad for Germany, bad for jobs, bad for democracy — and do all in our power to stop it. But I concede that we could, if we wished, influence it in the other two directions, if we made up our mind to do so.

It is a myth to say that there are important negotiations going on now about the single currency which we can influence only if we do not decide whether or not to join. The main elements were hammered out years ago in the Maastricht treaty. The principles are not in question. Many other countries have made up their minds about joining. Whatever our view, we are at the table and will remain there. Our vote is needed to bring the agreed scheme into effect. Our vote is needed to bring in the secondary legislation to embody the principles of the treaty. Our vote is needed to agree on which members qualify under the treaty. Therein lies our power.

Many say that Britain has no chance whatsoever of stopping the scheme, even if we wanted to. They are quite right that we will not stop it if we refuse to make up our mind or speak it. If, however, we were determined to stop it, things would look rather different.

We could dig in behind the words of the treaty itself. Backed by good lawyers, we could insist on the EU bringing in the ecu, not the euro, for that is what the treaty requires. We could insist — as the Bundesbank would like — on all the convergence criteria laid down in the treaty being met by any applicant. Few countries, if any, would then qualify. To modify the scheme, to dilute the requirements or to change the euro requires treaty amendment, over which we have a veto.

On many European issues, such as the British rebate or the ban on beef, Britain is isolated. We need not be isolated on this issue. We should woo the Portuguese, Greeks, Spaniards and Italians, who are likely to be excluded because they are miles short of the requirements. We should befriend the Danes, whose people are against monetary union, and the Swedes,ho are becoming very sceptical about it. We should remind the Irish that life could be difficult for them in a European currency if we are outside.

> We need not be isolated on this issue

We can win over many in the Bundesbank and the opposition parties in Germany, where most people want to keep the mark. We can speak for millions in France who want the Government to change economic policy to create jobs. Above all, we should be positive. We should hold out a vision of a Europe of more jobs and prosperity, based on more flexible exchange rates.

Our best bet to stop the scheme is to stick to the treaty and to dig in on matters requiring unanimity. Our fallback is to collect friends for the qualified majority votes, where just four countries can block monetary union. The odds are better than in many European negotiations. Our third opportunity comes from rallying the electorates of the continent against it, by showing them that there is an alternative. They might then persuade their governments to change course, or might change their governments.

The Foreign Office should be told after the next Cabinet meeting what our position is. I trust it will be no to monetary union. Rallying others to the cause is a task worthy of our fine Diplomatic Service and of our country. We would stand for something noble. We would be the voice of the millions in Europe who recognise that their countries still have something to offer the world, and for all those who are not ready to transfer their allegiance to a new country called Europe. For all those young people who already cannot get jobs, thanks to monetary union, we would be the beacon of hope.



The voice of the victim

How do we ensure that the grief of the bereaved is not exploited?

Children's deaths cry out to heaven for vengeance. Or at least for some cathartic recognition that they made a difference, that this life was not wasted and this death not in vain. By a child's grave a longing arises to do something: found a medical charity, launch a safety campaign, reform the law, pay your debts to the dead by protecting the living.

Those bereaved by such tragedies find that they have, for a while at least, a peculiar power. To the rest of us they are figures of awe, touched by the terrible magic of death. If they are friends we can embrace them; but if we only know them through the media lens we are uncomfortably helpless. We can pray for them; failing that, we can only gawp, uneasily aware that some of our fascination has dark roots in prurience and a hateful need to distance ourselves from the victims by secretly disparaging them: "Chaotic looking pair . . . my child would never have been out alone . . . well, she smokes like a chimney."

Adrift amid these feelings, we are relieved if the mourner makes us feel better by asking for help. We greet with enthusiasm any sign that they are going to campaign, raise funds, or publish a book. Here is something to exorcise the sense of taboo. And besides, grief is owed a platform. When Ann Pearston, organiser of the Dunblane Snowdrop campaign against handguns, spoke to the Labour conference you could have heard a pin drop. Dunblane is so recent and so uniquely terrible that I do not think Labour can be blamed for offering her a hearing; for Tories to huff about exploitation is irrelevant. You do not exploit somebody who comes so determinedly. We know that Snowdrop wanted to go to Bournemouth too; the parties should have conferred or better, offered a jointly backed public debate after Lord Cullen's report.

(Incidentally, for what it is worth: I wrote in May that gun sports need not be suppressed but could be more tightly regulated, given co-operation from the "sensible" gun lobby. Since then John Crozier, who lost his daughter, has been personally reviled in a gun magazine: my own moderate article brought exactly one thoughtful letter from a gun-clubber and several dozen arrogant, blustering, intransigent, patronising ones. So I have changed my mind. Ban them all.)

Another campaign born of bereavement features Chris Hook, whose daughter Sophie, at seven, was dragged from a garden tent, raped and murdered by a known sex offender. Mr Hook was sent to Seattle by the BBC's *Heart of the Matter* to see the Washington State "community notification" scheme, under which people are told when previous sex offenders move to live near them. He says he inwardly screamed: if it had operated here, he thinks, Sophie would not have been out, and Howard Hughes would not have killed her. Mr Hook wants castration for sex offenders for a first offence, execution for a second.

It is not easy to argue with a man in such grief. A debate, however, was set up in the programme. Joan Bakewell gallantly tried to get reasonable discourse going between Mr Hook, Michele Elliott of Kidscape, a Liberty spokesman, a bishop, David Mellor, MP, and Ray Wyre, who has treated sex offenders for years and knows the territory exceptionally well. She failed. Only heat was generated, no light; every argument provoked overreaction. Chris Hook was quiet, but his presence prevented progress. Any caution, any appeal to practicality or for a more comprehensive approach, could only sound like an appalling insult to the dead and to the grieving. The whole thing felt wrong, undignified, unhelpful.

This is not to say that the voice of the victim should not be heard, loudly and emphatically; but it works better when an existing group, with a well-tested set of proposals, enlists a victim to endorse them. The injured person then stays enclosed in an inviolable bubble of respect, safe from insult, from backlash, from all the risks you take when you start an argument. They may not need protection for ever, but it seems to me that we are too ready to encourage people in raw grief to give up their inviolability and enter the bruising domain of argument.

There have been countless other examples of campaigns by newly bereaved individuals. The personal cost to them is often high. The widow of Gordon Wilson, the father of Marie, who died in the Enniskillen bombing, says unequivocally that his work for the Northern Ireland peace process caused his early death. "It was as if he thought it best to burn out," said Joan Wilson. Early on, after bravely talking with the IRA, Mr Wilson returned visibly distressed by his reception, the coldness of which added insult to his great injury. Colin Parry, the father of 12-year-old Tim, who was killed in Warrington, has trodden a similar path. What the recent setbacks in the peace process must have cost him, personally and emotionally, no outsider can guess.

Libby Purves

There are countless others: from Anne Diamond's media-wise campaign over cot death to countless amateurish medical charities founded by grieving parents. Many, alas, soon collapse. Dr Rob Buckman, the cancer specialist, once told me that he spent a lot of effort persuading relatives to go away for a year or two, mourn properly, and then come back if they still want to start a fund.

One remarkable campaign founded out of personal tragedy is the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, named for the abducted young estate agent by her tireless mother, Diana. I was at the birth of this, ten years ago this month. I had written about the case and its coverage, and Mrs Lamplugh rang me — four months after Suzy's disappearance — to ask whether I would chair a seminar with a view to founding the Trust. I did it with deep misgivings on her behalf, and only out of a sense of debt. But Mrs Lamplugh was not emotionally out of control, and that meeting — which included psychologists and police and young women in trades from nursing to surveying — addressed for the first time in a modern, feminist world the irreducible fact of women's continuing vulnerability. The Trust has won international recognition for its constructive input into fields from street-lighting to law-making.

So, ten years on, I asked Mrs Lamplugh why it worked, and whether I am wrong to feel so uneasy about some of the brave people who use their grief in campaigns. Not wrong, she says. Such people contact her almost daily for advice, and she wishes that she were not a role-model, for the dangers are all too clear to her. She herself was already a tough professional who had run and publicised a national organisation. Even so, she was careful to surround herself with "wiser heads with a wider perspective" before making a first move.

She also found herself unusually able to separate her real, private grief from her public campaign (she was often vilified for looking composed on television). This division, she says, was vital. Otherwise, suppose it fails? If your grief is too entangled with your campaign, its possible collapse might be an added blow, hardly bearable. To cry on a platform may be cathartic, but what is it like to cry on a platform and be ignored? Like Dr Buckman, Mrs Lamplugh expends a lot of effort trying to talk people into supporting an existing organisation instead.

Confronted by a grief that wants to better the world, the last thing I want is to insult or belittle it. But friends, doctors, politicians and media hungry for harrowing causes should reflect before encouraging the already wounded to court further misery.

We should remember how hard it is to present an argument even when you are thinking straight; how dangerous to enter the public domain in an age when tabloid journalism feeds on a cycle of adulation and backlash, and when opponents are ruthless. We should point out that identifying a cause with one tragedy may mean that the cause fades as memory does; that victim-blaming is only a breath away from syrupy compassion. Remember too what the disabled know: that it is an imprisoning, not a liberating, thing to have your whole identity bound up with one affliction.

So, never forget Dunblane or Sophie Hook, never stop working to protect other children. But it should be possible for society to improve itself without leeching off the grief of individuals; and for individuals to be supported in their sorrow without needing to turn into politicians. At least, not before the tears are dry.

Tunnel will take its toll

Anatole Kaletsky

defies the City on Eurotunnel

First let me declare an interest. I am a modest shareholder in Eurotunnel. I made this investment back in 1987 on behalf of my newborn daughter, who will thereby enjoy the right to travel free to France until long after I am dead — or, at least, until I have celebrated my 102nd birthday. And I believe that London and Paris are the two greatest cities in the world, and I enjoy nothing more than to travel frequently and easily between them. For both of these reasons, I have a certain personal stake in the financial rescue announced yesterday for Eurotunnel.

Despite this financial and emotional involvement, I sincerely hope that the company's shares will collapse this morning when they start trading on the London Stock Exchange. This is because I intend to buy more shares as the bearish banks and City institutions dump them — and I want to pick up these shares at the lowest possible price. For as an economist, I am convinced that Eurotunnel shares will be one of the great investments of the next decade. A *Financial Times* editorial last week which asserted that on strictly economic grounds the tunnel should never have been built at all makes me even more certain that I am right and the City is wrong.

The City's conventional view is that the tunnel cost £11 billion to dig, but is now worth only £5 billion on the basis of its future revenues. This means that the tunnel construction, while hailed as an engineering marvel, was a value-destroying exercise in economic vandalism. It was like a gargantuan Soviet steel-mill or an African highway to nowhere — its construction actually reduced the sum total of economic resources available to satisfy genuine human wants.

The reality, however, is exactly the opposite. The tunnel was doomed mainly by financial incompetence — above all the City's idea of financing such a risky project with £5 billion of debt (which has since grown to £9 billion), supported by just £1 billion in shareholders' funds. But Eurotunnel's financial structure has absolutely no bearing on the project's true economic value. And in strict economic terms, the tunnel is certain to be judged a success.

The reason should be obvious to anyone who has travelled frequently to Paris in the past two years. Just as jet aircraft put the transatlantic ocean liners out of business, the tunnel has made cross-Channel ferries technologically obsolete on the short journey across the Straits of Dover. Five years from now, the cross-Channel ferries, which now limit Eurotunnel's market share and pricing power, will be gone. A few may still ply the straits, but only for nostalgic reasons. Travelling to Calais by sea will be as quaint as taking a steamboat down the Mississippi or a horse-drawn carriage round New York's Central Park.

In saying this, I am fully aware of the stunning incompetence displayed by the managements of Le Shuttle and Eurostar — the technical breakdowns, the unanswered telephones, the chaotic ticket queues at Waterloo, the pointless reservation requirements and absurdly long check-in times for Eurostar, and the absence of even a coffee machine or a children's video to help to while away the 35 minutes on Le Shuttle.

But these teething problems have no more bearing on the tunnel's long-term prospects than does its financial structure. The present management's commercial incompetence has merely delayed the ferries' inevitable extinction by a year or two.

Once the ferries go out of business — as they certainly will by June 1999, when they will lose the concessions on duty-free sales which now provide their only commercial *raison d'être* — Eurotunnel will command a monopoly over the road link between the two biggest cities in the biggest trading region in the world. The right to run an unregulated toll-booth on the world's most important transport bottleneck will give Eurotunnel a licence to print money — backed up by a guarantee from the French and British Governments that nothing will be done to limit its pricing power.

The Eurostar rail service will not have quite the same command of its market, since airlines will still provide competition. But once the train service is functioning properly — which, so far, it definitely is not — taking a plane from London to Paris will become as unusual as flying from London to Birmingham.

In the long run, the only real constraint on Eurotunnel's ability to generate cash for its shareholders will be the tunnel's physical capacity to carry more shuttles and trains. At that point the company will be able to play its ace in the hole. The small print in its licensing agreement gives Eurotunnel an exclusive right to build and operate a second fixed link across the Channel when the present tunnel runs out of capacity. As the time approaches for that second tunnel to be built, the City may finally recognise the real threat to Eurotunnel's long-term future: it will be making so much money that the Governments may tear up their agreements and take away its monopoly power.

Commanded

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S rift with his private secretary, Commander Richard Aylard, was followed by an announcement from Buckingham Palace saying that Aylard would remain employed in the household until February. He is unlikely to last out the month, however, and some are saying that he will be gone by the end of the week.

Palace employees are shocked by the way Aylard has been treated. He has been extraordinarily devoted to the Prince, they say, and what is his reward? Under such circumstances, he is unlikely to remain in the Palace for more than a few days.

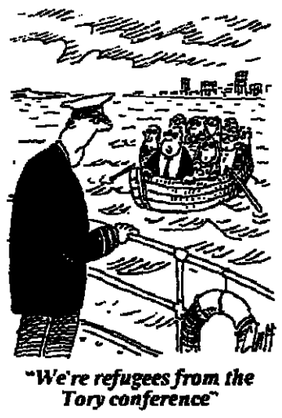
Last month I predicted that Commander Aylard would go, and wrote that he had lost the Prince's confidence and was being blamed for persuading him to confess to adultery on television.

"There's no point him wearing out any of the carpet under his desk. It's the way royalty works: once you've lost their ear you move on," says one source. But Aylard hates being idle, and I predict that he will find new employment before you can say Camilla Parker Bowles.

● *Madame Vasso, the old boot who sold the Duchess of York's secrets, has a poor command of English. So poor, I am told, that she takes her son with her into restaurants to translate the menu.*

Parking mad

EVEN among the massed ranks of traffic wardens, some behaviour



"We're refugees from the Tory conference"

THE TIMES DIARY

beggars belief. In the London suburb of East Sheen the other day, a parking ticket was slapped on a hearse outside a funeral parlour as staff were unloading a coffin.

The Daimler was parked on a "red route" just off a main road. The Metropolitan Police insist that hearses are never permitted to park on such routes. David Holmes, the funeral director concerned, says that the authorities usually turn a blind eye during quick loadings and unloadings. "I couldn't believe it. It was outrageous, but fortunately the family weren't around, though they might easily have been," he says. "Perhaps it just wasn't the warden's day. He was a small man with a little moustache."

● *Youngest bearer of a pass to this week's Tory conference is Charles Hendry, aged 4½ weeks, son of Charles Hendry, the MP for High Peak and former holder of the title Most Romantic MP. Charles Jr will be coming down with his mother, Sallie, a professional cook, who will launch her book* Cabinet Puddings *with the help of Norma Major.*

Versicles

POETRY is the latest diplomatic chip in Arab-Israeli relations. His Excellency Dr Ghazi Algosaibi, the Saudi Ambassador in London, is renowned for thanking his hosts with a blast of improvised verse. Now he has written a poem addressed to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Entitled *Bibi!!*, it appeared in Arabic in *Al-Hayat*, the London Arab newspaper, and has been translated for us by Leslie McLoughlin, director of the London Centre of Arab studies. There is a Swiftian bite to Algosaibi's verse:

Such a charming youth, adored by the prettiest damsels.
Fairer yet, if he sways as he walks, eyes dark with kohl.
His eyelids are smooth, his heart of stone . . .
We on your land are but a gang of intruders.
Should it please you, we'd stay; should it anger you, depart we would . . .
How often has passionate love led to a slaying.



Old kids and new: "Ah, that's Blair-o"

● *David Willetts, MP, was in the news at the weekend for his secret memo on stifling tactics to be applied to Neil Hamilton. Tonight he pops above the parapet to attend a fringe meeting. The crowd might be a little larger than he expected when he agreed to it. The subject? "Standards in Parliament and the public service."*

Kids' stuff

THAT cloying image of the Labour leader and his wife embracing after the Labour Party conference brought to mind the upturned little faces of the Bisto kids. It was purely coincidental that the Kids were reported to have been pensioned off after 80 years on the very day that the newspapers printed pictures of Tony Blair in a clinch on the podium with Cherie.

The cloth caps of Bisto were missing, of course, and the urchins' apparel has been replaced by new Labour suits, but there is no doubting the smug smile and whiff of self-satisfaction.

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BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Why the Tories don't like to be upon the Bournemouth prom

Exactly a year ago, the defection of Alan Howarth to the Labour Party cast a pall over the Conservative Party conference. This year, a senior Tory has peeled off at the other end, to join the Referendum Party. The "defection" of Lord McAlpine may be less damaging, particularly in terms of parliamentary arithmetic. But the critical point is that a year has passed, there are barely seven months to go until the election, and other parties still look more attractive to voters than do the Conservatives.

This time last year, the Labour lead in our September MORI poll was 23 points. Now it is 23 points. After a year in which the economy blossomed, the Cabinet reached a truce over Europe, the leadership question was resolved and cracks began to appear in the Labour façade, a recovery in the polls ought by rights to be well under way.

Indeed, a recovery was thought to be a necessity by now, so that Tory activists meeting in Bournemouth this week would have something to celebrate and could return to their constituencies re-energised for the general election campaign. There was even talk over the summer that John Major could take advantage of indiscipline at Labour's party conference to call an autumn election. How long ago that all seems. Now an immediate election would amount to political *hara-kiri*.

Earlier this year, the Tory strategy was to wait for economic optimism to translate into poll support: a positive advertising campaign would then be followed nearer the general election by an assault on Labour. But the polls did not improve: to Tory irritation, voters still remembered from where the recovery had come, from the collapse of the Government's stubborn exchange rate policy not from its fine economic management. In a desperate attempt to change minds, Brian Mawhinney, party chairman, brought forward each campaign stage. Many shots in his locker have been fired, and to little avail.

Before last week's Labour conference, the "New Labour, New Danger" slogan seemed to be having some effect. Even if the overall lead in the polls was not being dented, more specific polling questions showed doubts about Labour's policies and about Mr Blair himself. At the same time, Mr Major's ratings and those of his Government were inching up. But polls taken after Mr Blair's speech displayed a sharp rise in support for Labour. If the Tories are to regain ground, they will have both to counter Labour's extravagant claims and match at least some of its sense of unity.

This would be hard enough to achieve without Lord McAlpine's departure and the antics of Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer. Europe remains the most divisive issue, the ghost at all the Bournemouth banquets. Kenneth Clarke has rattled its chains, and others — at fringe meetings if not in the hall — are unlikely to resist his challenge. Future leadership battles will be seen in coded speeches, the marks of a party preparing for opposition.

Some people in Bournemouth today will remember the exemplary precedent in the same resort a decade ago. The 1986 conference, masterminded by Lord Tebbit, was a masterful display of a confident and united party setting out a radical agenda for the coming general election. To recreate that spirit is too much to expect. But the original strategy of early this year is still in place. The economy, by the time of the next election, will be much stronger than it was at the last. The ERM debacle will be further away. Worries about a Labour government can easily be rekindled. In 1986 the Conservatives paraded their invincibility; in 1996 they must rely again on the flag of fear.

ORDER IN THE HOUSE

Parliament needs to devolve power to regain trust

The Prime Minister believes sleaze is "poisoning British politics". He is understandably anxious that the reputations of his colleagues, his party and the Commons have been cheapened by allegations that political influence is a tradeable commodity. Mr Major has asked Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards to conduct a comprehensive investigation in the next two or three weeks. But Sir Gordon, by virtue of his office, is ill-qualified to perform the operation required. In his anxiety to draw the sting Mr Major may risk leaving the toxin in the system.

The reputation of Parliament is dangerously low. Popular feeling towards politicians goes beyond casual cynicism and is tinged with contempt. Public office is seen as a commercial franchise not a duty. In such an atmosphere momentum can develop behind superficially attractive but deeply destabilising constitutional changes. Pressure grows for stripping power from a Parliament answerable to voters and handing it to bodies answerable only to abstractions. Britain's liberties have been secured by, and depend on, the supremacy of Parliament. If Parliament's position is to be safeguarded, then allegations currently facing Neil Hamilton and others have to be investigated in a way which respects natural justice and the rights of the Commons as well as commanding public confidence.

The investigation which Sir Gordon has been asked to conduct is unlikely to command such confidence. Sir Gordon is the servant of the Commons Privileges Committee, which has a Conservative majority and chairman. All the members of that committee are trusted to consider any report as parliamentarians not partisans. But that trust has been placed in jeopardy by the suggestion that the Conservative chairman of the Members Interests' Committee, Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, discussed with the then Tory whip, David Willets, how to use a Conservative majority when considering an earlier investigation into Mr Hamilton.

Neither man denies the authenticity of the document which details their conversation. It may be that both men have explanations. But their words as reported make it difficult for any Commons committee to supervise an investigation into Mr Hamilton's conduct. A Tory majority which voted to clear him might not be believed. Even if Tory Members stood aside to allow Labour a majority then any critical conclusions could also be dismissed as politically motivated.

The supremacy of Parliament depends on members putting its good name above that of their party. That appears to have been beyond some. The best way in which to restore Parliament's reputation and satisfy Mr Hamilton's honour would be to have the Commons establish a statutory tribunal of inquiry under the 1921 Act.

Such an inquiry would allow Mr Hamilton and others the chance to hear all the allegations against them, with legal representation and the right to cross-examination. Mr Hamilton may have been guilty of grave misjudgments and of misleading colleagues but he maintains he is innocent of the original charge that he was paid to ask parliamentary questions. Only a tribunal can give a fair hearing now.

Such an inquiry could also restore a sense of proportion to public perceptions of Parliament. The Denning inquiry after the Profumo affair, although procedurally flawed, did at least assuage fears that sexual and security scandals involved other ministers. The Prime Minister believes that this country is relatively free of corruption. What better evidence can others have than that which might be unearthed by a public examination of Ian Greer, Mr Hamilton and Mohamed Al Fayed?

Establishing such a tribunal need not mean, as Mr Major fears, kicking the issue "into the long grass". The tribunal of inquiry into Aberfan sat for 76 days with nine legal teams and 136 witnesses. Better 11 weeks in the long grass than three in muddy waters. Once the tribunal has reported it will be for the Commons to decide how to act. Having devolved power to an inquiry, it keeps the power to punish and, indeed, reform its own rules. Its sovereignty is not infringed by setting up a tribunal. It is difficult to see how it can be better guaranteed.

GRIP OF ICELAND

Journalists flock to see nature's power in the raw

Iceland, the remote land of ice and fire, has long held the gentler climes of Europe in thrall. For a land so sparse, so barren and so desolate it has wielded a lasting influence on the European imagination. Medieval man saw the northern island, ringed with volcanic fire, as the gateway to hell. Whalers and fishermen, drawn by the rich harvest of its stormy seas, often perished amid the blizzards that iced over their frail vessels. Iceland's sagas found their way into medieval English, and their harsh tales of retribution underpinned the awe in which this Viking land was held.

That awe remains undiminished today. Iceland is still a country where nature rages untamed. The rumblings of a mighty volcano buried almost a mile beneath a vast glacier presage a devastating eruption. Titanic forces are building up as an underground lake is forced against the icecap and a towering column of ash and steam spews up from the fissures in the glacier. The expected inundation as the ice breaks cannot be far away. Hundreds of journalists have arrived in Reykjavik, the largest gathering the capital has attracted since President Reagan and President Gorbachev held their summit in 1986.

Iceland's parliament, the Althing, founded 1,000 years ago, can claim to be the cradle of democracy. It was the first country to elect a woman head of state, when Vigdis Finnbogadottir took office 16 years ago. This geophysicists' playground boasts a workforce where two or three jobs-per-person are a commonplace. It lovingly protects its language and a folklore rich in magic crossroads and trolls. It has the highest literacy rate in the world, a vast yearly output of books, a symphony orchestra, ballet, opera, four national television stations, Europe's largest output of bananas — thanks to geyser-heated hothouses — a phonebook listing everyone by Christian name, a life expectancy second only to Japan and an enviable standard of living based on a rich catch of cod. Those who flock to view the terrors of nature can only marvel at the tenacity of a people who make a civilised living on one of the globe's most inhospitable terrains.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory leadership under pressure over single currency

From Mr Alan Smith

Sir, John Major's attitude to the single currency ("We must not allow EMU to be fudged", October 5; letters, October 7) is ridiculous. The British people are looking to their leaders to give a lead.

Mr Major agonises over so many as yet unknown quantities, yet surely he must know whether or not he wants a single currency — in principle. This is the key. The negotiations only matter if the answer is yes. It is a fundamental question. The same as whether you believe in capitalism or socialism — in principle. Of course there are different shades of both, but the principles are there.

Worse still, he is prepared to go all the way in negotiations with other member states who obviously want the single currency — and then call a referendum. What, may I ask, happens when the people reject it whilst John Major advocates acceptance? How could he then govern with a straight face? Now that, in the words of the Chancellor, really would be "pathetic".

Yours faithfully,
A. G. SMITH,
122 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.
October 7.

From Mr Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle (Conservative)

Sir, There is one way we can unite the Conservative Party over the single currency debate. We are already committed to a referendum. Why not announce that we would also want to test any decision to join in a subsequent general election as well, before committing ourselves?

Such a policy would allow us to stay in the negotiations, as the Prime Minister wishes, and effectively to rule out a decision to join in the next Parliament, as the party wishes.

Meanwhile we could also pursue our original concept of a common rather than a single currency.

Our policies would then be both market driven and democratically accountable. What could be more popular or Conservative?

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD LEIGH,
House of Commons.
October 7.

From Mr J. C. Stott

Sir, The Prime Minister tells us that "our European partners buy 60 per cent of our exports". This is the figure peddled by the Euro-fanatics. It excludes invisible exports. I believe the true figure to be around 45 per cent. Mr Major is likewise misleading about our investments in the EU: over 80 per cent of our overseas investments (by earnings) are outside the EU.

Confronting what you, Sir, rightly call the most important choice the nation has faced since 1945 (leading article, October 5) the Prime Minister cannot get his facts right.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. STOTT,
Bleak House,
Coppenhall, Stafford.
October 6.

From Major-General M. S. Hancock

Sir, Mr Tony Marlow, MP, writes (letter, September 26) that "it is impossible for the Conservative Party to win the election" without declared opposition to the single currency.

How many are there like me (and other voters in my family) who, after a lifetime of voting Conservative, are going to vote Lib-Dem because it appears to be the only party which wholeheartedly supports the views of Heath who took us into Europe, of Thatcher who signed the declaration in favour of an ever closer Europe, and of Major who promised to put Britain at the heart of Europe?

Yours faithfully,
M. S. HANCOCK,
Brakey Hill, Godstone, Surrey.
September 26.

From Mr Paul Sutton

Sir, Chancellor Kohl's comment that Mrs Thatcher has a 19th-century view and so couldn't accept the prospect of "Germany ending the century a winner and her own nation a loser" (report, October 3) tells us more about Germany's real aims than he might have intended.

Perish the thought, but isn't the concept of Germany, or Britain for that matter, as the "winner" an extremely nationalistic one, and completely at odds with Germany's pious, much flaunted "post-nationalism" and European idealism?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SUTTON,
24 Duke Street, Botley, Oxford.
October 3.

Tough choices for transport policy

From the Chairman of the CBI Transport Policy Committee

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Yours sincerely,
ROBERT NAPIER,
Chairman,
CBI Transport Policy Committee,
CBI, Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.
October 3.

Payments to MPs

From Mr Mohamed Al Fayed

Sir, It has not been easy keeping track of the many extraordinary things Mr Ian Greer has said in his own defence in recent days, but when he says that my revelations about his activities were motivated by a "grudge against ministers over [my] failure to secure a British passport . . . " (report, earlier editions, October 7) it is simple to demonstrate the falsity of the charge.

My brother and I were informed by the Home Office on February 23, 1995, that our applications for naturalisation had been refused. My first public warnings about the improper conduct of MPs associated with Mr Greer appeared on October 19, 1994 — more than four months before.

If anyone was bearing a grudge, perhaps it was the Home Secretary, Mr Michael Howard?

Yours faithfully,
M. Al FAYED
(Chairman),
Harrods Limited,
Knightsbridge, SW1.
October 7.

From Mr Alastair Campbell

Sir, You report today John Major's accusation that Ian Greer "paid for Tony Blair to go on Concorde to America". This is untrue. The trip, in 1986, was paid for by the Unitary Tax Campaign. Mr Blair was part of a cross-party delegation to lobby the US Government about the double taxation of UK companies on their US earnings. There was no personal benefit asked for or received.

Mr Blair went in his capacity as a Labour Treasury spokesman. The Government supported the trip and Nigel Lawson wrote to the US Treasury Secretary, James Baker, asking him to see the delegation, which he did.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR CAMPBELL
(Press Secretary to Tony Blair),
House of Commons.
October 7.

British humour

From Mrs Arpita Mogford

Sir, I have enjoyed to date the intellectual razor-sharp humour and wit of Mr Matthew Parris's journalism — but today's Political Sketch on the front page about Tony Blair's Blackpool speech headed "Warning: this body language could offend" reeks of the overpowering excess which has now become a regular feature of the British press.

To many of us, British humour has a special flavour and let those who are gifted with it not sink to this level just to raise a few eyebrows, or draw a few giggles from the undiscriminating.

Yours sincerely,
ARPITA MOGFORD,
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99 Sloane Street, SW1.
October 2.

All in the family

From Mr John Payne

Sir, Your front page picture of October 2 (later editions) shows the assembled Blair family at Blackpool. Its caption refers to Tony Booth as Mr Blair's father-in-law, Lyndsey Booth as his sister-in-law but Gale Booth as his "wife's mother".

Is the term "mother-in-law" now deemed to be politically incorrect, or is "wife's mother" a politically correct new Labour expression?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PAYNE,
15 Elm Lane,
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Turner bequest

From the Chairman of The Turner Society

Sir, It is true that Turner's testamentary wishes have not been met, as Mr Leolin Price, QC, states in his letter (October 4; see also letter, October 1); but the main beneficiary has been the nation, which now owns the entire contents of Turner's studio at the time of his death, although this was not what he intended. Mr Price suggests that there are people who may have a claim to the ownership of the bequest, but it is hard to see where the evidence for this exists.

Turner's will was not clearly drawn and this led to litigation soon after his death in 1851. This resulted in the Charitable Institution for Decayed Artists, which it was Turner's chief concern to found, being abandoned and his fortune of £140,000 being distributed among relatives for whom he cared very little.

Turner's bequest to the National Gallery was only of his *finished* pictures and was dependent on a room or rooms being built to house them within ten years — and in case this was not done Turner wished them to be exhibited in his Queen Anne Street studio until the lease ran out; they were then to be sold, together with the unfinished oils and all the watercolours and sketchbooks, for the benefit of the Charitable Institution. This never existed, and the entire collection was retained by the nation, which most certainly has done honour to Turner. It cannot be right to accuse the nation, or its representatives, of immoral disregard for his conditions.

The bequest is today housed in the Clore Gallery, except for a handful of key pictures in the National Gallery. It is surely essential that Turner should be worthily represented in Trafalgar Square, although the display should certainly be altered from time to time by exchanges with the Clore.

Yours truly,
EVELYN JOLL,
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London WC1N 3XX.
October 4.

Dunblane massacre

From Mr Robin Gray

Sir, Stephen Farrell ("On the front line in Dunblane", October 2) finished his article by saying that after attending Lord Cullen's public inquiry "I certainly felt no closer to knowing what went on in one man's mind on March 13. I still have no idea."

This is a pity. Thomas Hamilton killed the children, their teacher and himself because he was in psychological pain — in other words, he was suffering. His problem was not mental in the sense of rational intellectual function, it was to do with his feelings and emotions and the way he mishandled them: mishandled them all his life.

This perverted his behaviour and resulted in the tragedy. It was a suicide above all and he killed the children because they represented for him all the qualities he did not have: the joy, innocence and spontaneity of a loved and happy child. "If I cannot have these qualities why should others?"

Hamilton killed and died because of pain, he killed and died for lack of love. The whole story revolves around children from beginning to sordid end. Children who receive love, give love in return. Children give back what they receive — and this is not polemic.

The handling of emotions is a skill which can be taught. Emotional needs of children and adolescents must be taken seriously. To teach adults emotional competence is more difficult, but it is never too late. Understanding is so much better than blame.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN GRAY,
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1860 Aigle, Switzerland.
October 3.

Lottery funds

From the Editor of NGO Finance

Sir, In your reports on Tony Blair's Labour conference speech you mentioned plans to redirect the Millennium Fund's share of lottery money into educational, health and environmental projects after the year 2,000 ("Lottery rethink to fund social projects", October 2).

Despite protestations that these funds would be "on top of existing departmental budgets", there is surely a danger of their creeping assimilation into Treasury thinking when the going gets tough in future spending rounds.

As a security against this, the lottery cash could be deposited in a new independent permanent endowment fund which would be invested, distributing only income.

If the National Lottery had been in existence 15 years ago and such a fund had been initiated, it would by now be worth a staggering £7.5 billion and be distributing the best part of £300 million per annum.

Eventually the bookies or pools operators will work out how to compete more effectively with the lottery and the flow of funds may diminish as a result. Rather than spending everything as and when it arrives, this new endowment would create a permanent and growing source of independent funding that is as immune to political interference as it is to the whims of the punters.

Yours sincerely,
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October 3.

Middle East crisis

From Ms Sue Pheasey

Sir, A BBC newsreader has just spoken of the desire to find "common ground" between the Israelis and Palestinians. Sadly, that is the heart of the problem.

Yours faithfully,
SUE PHEASEY,
30 Broad Oaks Road,
Solihull, Warwickshire.
October 2.

New tower for London

From Mr Michael Hammerson

Sir, I am touched by Mr Fletcher Robinson's simple faith (letter, September 27) that "the best way to remove the building blight in the City is to actively encourage the best architects in the world to replace it".

Surely it was they who created it in the first place?

Yours, with *déjà vu*,
MICHAEL HAMMERSON,
4 Bramalea Close, Highgate, N6.
October 1.

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Global yacht race

From Miss Lucy Fleming

Sir, I sympathise with Tracey Capstick and I empathise with James Capstick (letters, October 3).

I was the original co-winner of the *Times* sponsored berth and did all the training with Jim, only having to withdraw when my brother died unexpectedly.

Life and death often go hand in hand and the news of Jim's third child was at the more optimistic end of the scale than mine.

Most people can't understand the desire to take part in such a race as the BT Global Challenge, but if it's there it's there, comprehensible or not.

I am sure that the soul-searching that Jim went through was nothing compared with Tracey's dilemma, but he's off now working (and quite often spewing) his guts out. She is going to have to endure the extraordinary process of childbirth and continue to care for the family without his support.

It's a tough call. I'm with them both and wish them all possible luck. Maybe when they are woken at 4am to deal with wet ropes or wet nappies and howling babies or gales they will feel a certain togetherness. Probably not.

Bon voyage to all the fleet.

Yours faithfully,
LUCY FLEMING,
Bromsden Farm,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
October 3.

Full house

From Mr J. Sharp

Sir, Since I shall no doubt fail yet again to win a bottle of single malt whisky, might I possibly have a prize for spotting that the answers to your crossword for September 28 contained, for the first time in my 30 years' experience, all the letters of the alphabet at least twice each (two Zs, Qs, Xs, Vs and Js; and four Ys and Ks)?

Yours faithfully,
J. SHARP,
27 Ward Way,
Bexhill, East Sussex.
September 30.

All that glisters

From Mr Peter Anderson

Sir, Bernard Levin is wrong ("Travels in golden realms", October 4) to conclude that gold is "absolutely and entirely useless".

It has at least one real use (to which Mr Levin passingly refers) in dentistry. My dentist tells me that it has the same co-efficient of expansion as the material of which human teeth are composed.

Yours faithfully,
P. G. ANDERSON,
Bouges Farm, Brooks Green,
Horsham, West Sussex.
October 4.

From Mr Timothy A. Pickford

Sir, It was fascinating to learn of the ingenious methods employed by gold smugglers when going about their business.

However, in the interest of his own personal safety before imparting such information, surely Bernard Levin would be wiser to follow the old Arab proverb "speech is silver, silence is golden".

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY A. PICKFORD,
1 Farmcombe Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
October 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 7: The Princess Royal, President, *Save the Children Fund, this* morning departed from Royal Air Force Lyneham to visit Slovenia.

Her Royal Highness called upon The President of the Republic of Slovenia and later saw the work of Save the Children Fund and its partners in *Ljubljana*.

The Princess Royal this evening attended a Reception given by The President.

The Countess of *Lichfield* and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, *Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide*, this morning opened the ICAN Speech and Language Nursery at the Alverton County Infant and Nursery School, Northallerton. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Memorial services

Sir Dennis Titchener-Barrett
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Dennis Titchener-Barrett was held on Tuesday, October 1, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington. Prebendary Ian L. Robson, Vicar and Area Dean of Kensington, officiated. Addresses were given by Mr Robin Lowes (brother-in-law) and Mr Robert Titchener-Barrett (son) and readings by Dominic Titchener-Barrett (grandson) and Sophie Lenain (granddaughter).
Among those present were:
Lady Titchener-Barrett (widow), her son, three daughters, grandchildren and many other relatives and friends from national and local politics and other areas of his work in the community.

Mr Ivor Mills
A service of celebration of the life and work of Mr Ivor Mills, writer and broadcaster, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. Mgr Freddie Miles officiated.

Mr Denys Hawthorne read from the works of William Shakespeare and from the works of W.R. Rodgers and Mr Andrew Gardner read *Hello, It's Ivor Here* ... by Mr Liam Hanley. Mr Derek Bailey paid tribute.

Ms Ruth McGinley, piano, played works by Rachmaninov and Alberto Ginastera and Ms Mary Nelson, soprano, sang *Danny Boy*, words by Fred E. Weatherly, accompanied by Mr Andrew Smith. Among others present were:
Mr Rory Mills (son), Miss Claire Mills (daughter) Mrs Muriel Mills, Mrs Elva Robinson (sister), Mr Bentley Robinson, Mr Michael Robinson, Mr and Mrs Graham Lewis, Mr Roger Lewis.
Sir David and Lady Nicholas, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Sir Alasdair Burnet, Mr Ian Ash (director, Corporate Relations, BT), Mr Stewart Purvis (chief executive ITN), Mr Jim Creagh (Ulster TV), Mr Peter Carver (Association of Manufacturers of Domestic and Electrical Appliances), Mr Malcolm Argent (Civil Aviation Authority), Mr Howard Lee (Gavin Anderson).
Mr and Mrs Liam Hanley, Mr and Mrs James Morwood, Miss Pat Malley, Mr and Mrs Paddy Hopkirk, Mr Andrew Gardner, Miss Sally Jordan, Mr and Mrs F O'Hegarty, Mrs L Penfound, Mr and Mrs Peter Pizzey, Mr Dante Peters, Ms Anne Rae, Mr Max Rainey, Mr and Mrs John Armstrong, Ms Patricia Bailey, Mr and Mrs Andrew Crockart, Miss Gloria Hunniford, Mr Robert Haygreaves.
Mr Dennis Davison, Miss Susan Fox, Mr Norman Fox, Mr and Mrs J Lennox, Ms Diana Edwards-Jones, Mr John Rainey, Ms Joan Sisley, Mr Cliff Sisley, Mr and Mrs Stewart Sharrock, Mrs Lily Shrank, Mr Bob Southgate, Mr and Mrs Ivan Sharrock, Mr and Mrs W R Tinlin, Mr and Mrs William Turberville, Mr H Waltcombe.
Ms Avril McDonald, Mr John Mahoney, Mr Mike Morris, Mr Rory McPherson, Mr Stewart Sharrock, Mr Peter Sissons, Mr Keith McDowell, Mr John Ansell, Mr Ross Chesney, Mr John Copleston, Mr Derek Dowsett, Mr and Mrs Peter Fairley, Mr and Mrs John Egan, Miss Pat Greening, Mr Denis Tuohy, Mr Peter West, Ms Jan Walsh, Mr and Mr Peter Young, Mr Richard Whiteley.
Miss Pat Harris, Mr Julian Havilland, Mr Keith Hatfield, Mr John Harper, Mr John Hastings, Mr Desmond Hamill, Ms Anne Joliffe, Mr Iain Johnstone, Ms Sue Judd, Mr and Mrs Peter Kinsella, Mr John Lander, Mr and Mrs Alex Spink and many other friends and former colleagues from BT, ITN, the BBC and other media organisations.

Mr John Boon
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Boon, publisher, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. Canon Thaddeus Birchard officiated.

Mr Christopher Boon, son, read from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* and Miss Dorothy Tutin and Mr Nicky Henson gave readings. Mr Antony Flynn, Mr Alexis Kouchoumow, Dr Joseph McAleer and Mr David Whitaker paid tribute. Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs Charles Boon and Mr and Mrs Humphrey Boon (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Christopher Boon (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Alan Boon (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Dinah Norman (sister), Mr Julian Boon, Ms Gillian Clements, Mr Luke Clements, Ms Nina Clements.
Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Baroness David, Lady McIntosh, Sir John and Lady Brown, Sir Roger Elliott, Lady Forbes, Sir Derek Thomas, Mr Simon Master (president, The Publishers Association), Dr Fernando Guedes (president, International Publishers Association), Mr André Deutsch, Mr David Hicks, Mr Peter Allison, Mr Terry Waite, Mr and Mrs Philip Attenborough, Mr Tom Rosenthal, Mr Paul Richardson, Mr Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson, Mr Randall Toye, Mr Ion Trewin, Mr Michael Turner, Mr Rayner Unwin, Ms Frances Whitehead, Mr Gordon Wigley, Mr Louis Baum, Mr Clive Bradley, Mr Hugh Campbell, Mr Geoffrey Chapman, Mr and Mrs Ian Chapman.
Mr and Mrs Michael Gledroyc, Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC, and Mrs Hamilton, Mr Colin Hayes, Mr Thomas Sharpe, Mr Ronald Hedley, Mr Robin Hyman, Mr and Mrs Tommy Joy, Mr Mark Le Fanu, Mr Jeremy Lever, QC, Mr David Machin, Mr Simon Master, the Very Rev James McConica, Mr and Mrs John Miller, Dr Tony Morris, Mr Donald Morrison, Mr Andrew Nairn, Mr Paul Richardson, Dr David Thomas, Ms Sally Whittaker.
Mr Eric de Bellaigue, Ms Susan Blishen, Mr John Brown, Mr Tony Hartley, Mr Nicholas Heffer, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R J Hywel-Jones, Mr Barry Lewis, Mr and Mrs John Miller, Mr Barry Lewis, Mr John Vickers, Mr J V Vickers, Professor David Waddington, Mr Eric Norris and many other friends.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, FRS

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, KBE, CB, Cdr US Legion of Merit, FRS, FEng, MA, will be held in Westminster Abbey on Friday, November 15, 1996, at noon. Applications for tickets accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, Pld (Cer) (RAF), Room 344, Adastral House, Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8RU, by not later than Monday, October 21, 1996. Applicants should state their connection with Air Commodore Whittle, or the organisation they represent, if applicable. Tickets will be issued seven-10 days before the Service. All are welcome. Applications should not be made to Westminster Abbey.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as Commodore, will attend a dinner given by The Royal Thames Yacht Club at 7.40.
Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the restored Japanese gateway and new Japanese landscape at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, at 10.50.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Anglesey, 74; Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, 67; Viscount Caldecote, 79; Professor Garth Chapman, zoologist, 79; Mr Chevy Chase, actor, 53; Sir Nicolas Cheetham, diplomat, 86; Sir Geoffrey de Deney, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 65; Professor H.E. de Wardener, nephrologist, 81; Sir Edward Eveleigh, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 79; Viscount Exmouth, 56; His Honour Edgar Fay, QC, 88; Sir Michael Fox, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 75; Mr Brandon Gough, former chairman and joint senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 59; Mr Milner Gray, founder partner, Design Research Unit, 97; Mr John Hardman, former chairman, Asda, 57; Professor Sir Richard Harrison, anatomist, 76; Mr Alasdair Milne, former Director-General, BBC, 66; Dr César Milstein, CH, FRS, biochemist, 69; Miss Bel Mooney, writer and broadcaster, 50; Mr R.K. Morris, director, Council for British Archaeology, 49; Sir Mark Oliphant, former Governor, South Australia, 95; Dame Merle Park, Director, Royal Ballet School, 59; the Very Rev J.M.K. Paterson, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 74; the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, diplomat, 77; Mr Ray Reardon, snooker player, 64; Lord Romsey, 49; M Albert Roux, chef and restaurateur, 61; Dr Robert Saxton, composer, 43; Sir Robert Scholey, former chairman, British Steel, 75; Mr D.R.W. Silk, former chairman, Test and County CricketBoard, 65; Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, 66; Mr S.G.C. Stoker, Principal, St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University, 60; Mr Godfrey Talbot, broadcaster, 88; Sir Ray Tindle, chairman, Tindle Newspapers, 70; Miss Sigourney Weaver, actress, 47; Mr Peter Wood, theatre and television director, 68.

Meeting

Byron Society
Lord Byron presided at a meeting of the Byron Society held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Dr Peter Cochran, of Glasgow University, and Dr Edward Burns, of Liverpool University, were the speakers.

Luncheons

Coal Industry Society
Mr M.G. Cruttenden, President of the Coal Industry Society, introduced the principal guest and speaker, Mr Colin R. Sully, Chief Executive of the Solid Fuel Association, at a luncheon held yesterday at the Doncaster Moat House Hotel. Mr A.J.A. Third was in the chair.

Guild of Editors
Mr John Griffith, Chairman of the Guild of Editors, and Mr Bob Satchwell, Chairman of the Guild's Parliamentary and Legal Committee, were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Bloomsbury House, WC1, in honour of Mrs Elizabeth France, Data Protection Registrar.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Bill Cowen, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Robert Crawford, Director-General of the Imperial War Museum, was the speaker.



1896: cheering the regimental colours at the Armoury, Finsbury, when the Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts visited London

ADRIAN BROOKS

TWO ancient military units, the Honourable Artillery Company of London (chartered: 1557) and the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (chartered: 1638) have met again to celebrate their first official reunion a hundred years ago when the Americans were received with great ceremony, reviewed by Queen Victoria and presented with a special medal. This time there were celebrations at Guildhall and a service at St Paul's. At Armoury House, headquarters of the HAC, they were presented with a replica of the medal.



1996: Major Basil Bicknell presenting a medal to Captain Paul Mahoney; centre left, Major-General James Lynch, centre right, Captain Edward Keelan

School news

Merchant Taylors' School
A service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the Merchant Taylors' School will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, October 18, at 2.30pm. Tickets for reserved seating can be obtained from the Triennial Secretary, Merchant Taylors' School, Sandy Lodge, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2HT, or telephone 01923 820644. Please advise if you are an old boy of the school.

Taunton School
Taunton School, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary, has appointed Mr Julian Whiteley, BSc, MBA, as Headmaster from September 1997 to succeed Mr Barry Sutton, MA, who is retiring. Mr Whiteley is currently Deputy Head, and Head of the Senior School, at St Paul's in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Women of the Year Lunch

Princess Michael of Kent was a speaker at the Women of the Year Lunch held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

The Marchioness of Lothian, founder president, presided with Ms Floella Benjamin, executive chairman, the Hon Diana Makgill and Miss Diane Canady, vice-chairmen, the Countess of Airlie, Lady Healey, Miss Val Arnison and Ms Paddy Campbell, vice-presidents.

The International guest of honour, Mme Vigdis Finnbogadottir, former President of Iceland, Ms Heather Rabbatts and Ms Victoria Wood also spoke. Miss Maureen Lipman paid tribute to Aung San Suu Kyi.

During the lunch Princess Michael presented the annual Frink Award for outstanding achievement in overcoming visual disability to Miss Rachel Sullivan who received it on behalf of the winner, Mrs Mary Ashwell, a 98-year-old sculptor. The other guests of honour were:
The Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Ms Lesley Abdela, Mrs Louise Atkin-Walker, Mrs Julia Allison, Ms Barbara Arnold, Ms Janet Anderson, MP, Mrs Justice Arden, Miss Joan Armatrading, Miss Jane Asher, Mrs Liz Bavidge, Dr Susan Bewley, Ms Bibiana Boerio, Miss Samantha Brewster, Miss Rosemary Brook, Miss Deborah Bull, Dame Fiona Caldicott, Ms Sue Cameron, Mrs Pat Campbell, Miss Felicity Clark, Dr Lisa Clayton, Miss Anne Diamond, Miss Anne Dickinson, Ms Margaret Drabble, Ms Rosie Eagleson, Dr Esmat El Said, Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Dr Vivette Glover, Mrs Pat Greenhill, Mrs Lois Hainsworth, the Rev Moira Herkes, Miss Claire Holder, Professor Carole Jordan, FRS, Mrs Tessa Jowell, MP, Professor Annette Karmiloff-Smith, FBA, Ms Mary Kenny, Ms Helena Kennedy, QC, Ms Vanessa Leeson, Miss Denise Lewis, Lady MacDonald, Professor Rosamond McGuinness, Mrs Monica McWilliams, Ms Yvette Mahon, Dr Angela Milner, Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, Miss Dinah Nichols, Mrs Jenny Pitman, Ms Jessica Rutherford, Mrs Pearl Sagar, Ms Daphne Todd, Mrs Beryl Vertue, Ms Deirdre Vine, Ms Ruby Wax and Mrs Grace Wedekind.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J. Boswijk and Miss R.S.R. Lodge
The engagement is announced between Timothy, third son of Mr and Mrs Harm Boswijk, of Cheslyn Hay, Staffordshire, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Dr Freddie Lodge, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire and of the late Mrs Joan Lodge.

Mr P.E. Chesworth and Miss C.R. Brookman
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Neville Chesworth, of Pirbright, Surrey, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brookman, of Braithwaite, Cumbria, formerly of Reigate.

Mr M.E. England and Dr G.J.J. Stegen
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Roger England, of Skidby, East Yorkshire, and Wendy, daughter of Mr Frederick P. Stegen, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Dr Marie-Geneviève Lane, JP, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr A.S. George and Miss C.J.E. Mann
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of the late Dr Keith George and of Mrs Eliane George, of Maldon, Essex, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Mann, of Longbridge, Birmingham.

Mr R.D. Madden and Miss C.M. Pike
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Kit Madden, of Chipstead, Kent, and Catherine, daughter of the late Mr Anthony Pike and of Mrs Anthony Pike, of Petworth, West Sussex.

Mr R.G. Morris and Miss S.H. Bowers
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr and Mrs K.D. Morris, of Preston, Lancashire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.K. Bowers, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr N.R.W. Parslow and Miss T.L. Undery
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Parslow, of Oxted, Surrey, and Tania, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Undery, of Chalbury, Dorset.

Mr N.J.L. Pounder and Miss C.L. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John Langdale, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Pounder, of Hadrian Way, Sandiway, Cheshire, and Claire Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Harrison, of Hall Farm, Metton, Norwich.

Dr E.R. Miranda and Miss A.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Eduardo Reck, son of Senor Luiz and Dona Maria Miranda, of Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Alexandra Margaret, daughter of the Revd Robert Jones and the late Mrs Sheila Jones, of the Vicarage, Wetwang, Driffield, East Yorkshire.

Mr T.I. Wood and Miss C.L. van Gerbig
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of South Brent, Devon, and Camilla, daughter of Mrs Sarah van Gerbig and the late Mr Peter van Gerbig, of New York.

Mr S.M. Woodcock and Miss E.C.M. Hewitt
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Ivan Woodcock and the late Mrs Betty Woodcock, of Witnesham, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John B. Hewitt, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr N.C. Hewitt and Miss A.P. Campbell
The marriage took place on October 4, 1996, at St Michael's Church, Sandhurst, between Mr Nigel Charles Hewitt, younger son of Major Maurice Hewitt and the late Mrs Heather Hewitt, of Camberley, Surrey, to Miss Alison Patricia Campbell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Campbell, of New Milton, Hampshire. Canon Ken Humphreys officiated.

A reception was held at the St Anne's Manor Hotel, Wokingham, and the honeymoon is being spent in New Zealand.

Mr E. Vorfeld and Miss E.C. Brooke Turner
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 5, at St Mary's Church, Bourne Street, SW1, of Mr Egon Vorfeld, to Miss Clarissa Brooke Turner.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Esther Keetelaars, Sava Riaskoff and Lucy and Alexander Brooke Turner. Mr Jan Arend de Vos van Steenwijk was best man.

The reception was held at the Royal Automobile Club and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.R. Ward and Mrs R.F. Barrow
The marriage took place quietly at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Harby, Leicestershire, on Friday, October 4, between Michael Ward, of Boston, and Rowena Barrow, of Harby, widow of Lieutenant Commander D.L. Barrow, RN.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Hoadly, poet and dramatist, London, 1711; Montague Lowry-Corry, 1st Baron Rowton, politician and founder of the Rowton Houses, London, 1838; Eddie Rickenbacker, American fighter pilot in the First World War, Columbus, Ohio, 1890; Ellen Wilkinson, trade unionist and politician, Manchester, 1891; Juan Perón, President of Argentina 1946-55 and 1973-74, Buenos Aires, 1895.

DEATHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Lisbon, 1754; Pierre Fournier, engraver and type founder, Paris, 1768; Sir John Monash, engineer and general, Melbourne, 1931; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, London, 1953; Clement Attlee, 1st Earl Attlee, Prime Minister 1945-51, London, 1967.

St Mark's Cathedral was consecrated, Venice, 1085.

The Great Fire of Chicago began, 1871.

The Post Office Tower opened, London, 1965.

Dinners

HM Government
Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, Minister for Energy, was the host at a dinner held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Señor Jorge Navarrete, Minister for Energy Policy and Development of the United Mexican States.

Athenaeum
Mr Michael J. Wooldridge was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. The Rev Bernard Schunemann presided.

Feltmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Feltmakers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr N.J. Mellstrom; Upper Warden, Mr P.A. Grant; Renter Warden, His Honour Keith Devlin; Third Warden, Commander I.R. Wellesley-Harding; Fourth Warden, Mr J.J.G. Rowley.

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Be tolerant with one another and forgiving, if any of you has cause for complaint; you must forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3 : 13

BIRTHS

ALLSOPP - On 27th September 1996, to Alexandra (née Gooch) and Richard, a son, Milo Johnnie Mark, a brother for Matilda.

AL-OMAR - On October 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Shareefa Al-Sarhan and Waleed Al-Omar, a lovely son Khalid.

BALOGUN-LYNCH - On 3rd October, at The Portland Hospital, to Julia and Christopher, a daughter, Isabelle, a sister for Joshua, Sarah and Emily.

BEDDELL - Bridget and Bill are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Molly, on 3rd October 1996.

CHERRY - On October 7th, 1996, to Penelope (née Lawrence) and Graham, a son, Thomas Henry Richard, a brother for Amelia and Edward.

CROWCOMBE - On September 14th, to Emma (née Godwin) and Peter, a daughter, Frances Freya.

FABER - On September 29th, to Phillida (née Henry) and James, a son.

FINDLAY - On 5th October at The Portland Hospital, to Elisabeth (née Rogers) and Graham, a daughter, Charlotte Amy, a sister for Alexander and Emma.

GOUGH - On October 5th, in Cardiff, to Alison and Richard, a daughter, Kathryn Charlotte Louise (Katy), a sister for Laura.

HALBERSTAM - On October 5th, at the Portland Hospital, to Gabrielle (née Talerman) and Simon, a cherished son, Noah Alfred Maurice, a brother for Sophia Tamara.

HALL - On October 4th, to Kim (née Kenny) and Tim, a son, William Michael Slade.

HANBURY - On October 2nd, to Nicky (née Rawlinson) and Joff, a daughter, Sophie Rose.

HARRIS - On 5th October, at home in Kintbury, to Gill (née Hornby) and Robert, a daughter, Matilda Felicity, a sister for Holly and Charlie.

HENDERSON - On October 4th at the Portland Hospital, to John and Joumanch, a handsome son Carl John, a brother for Natasha.

HOPPER - On Sunday October 6th at Sunderland District General Hospital, to Debbie (née Bowman) and Andrew, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Amy.

JAMES - On September 24th to Kathryn (née Davies) and John Paul, a beautiful baby boy, Owain Rodri

MACDIARMID - On October 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Alice (née Rodgers) and Ross, a son, Hamish Ross.

MYNOTT - On September 29th, to Carol (née Schug) and Adam, a son. A brother for Will and Fleur.

RIDER - Courtney Sarah was born at The Portland Hospital on October 4th 1996, to delighted parents Heather and Stephen Rider and a proud sister Stephanie.

SACK - On 5th October 1996, in Redhill Surrey, to Caroline (née Cadic) and David, a son, William James, a brother for Hannah.

SHEPHERD - On October 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Rachel and Scott, a wonderful son, Zachary Scott, the newest addition to the Shepherd Clan.

SYMES-THOMPSON - On 1st October, to Liz (née Pratt) and Hugh, a son, John Arthur Eynard (Jack), a brother for Michael and Nicholas.

DEATHS

ANSLOW - Ruth, on 5th October 1996, peacefully at Grantham Hospital. Beloved nannie to the Elwes, Codrington, McRoberts, Mickiethwait, Macdonald, van Cutsem families. Funeral Service at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Preston, near Uppingham, Rutland at 12 noon on Friday 11th October 1996. Donations may be sent to the Grantham Branch of Parkinson's Disease, 10 Ely Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 8PG.

AP REES - Tom, Professor of Botany Cambridge University and little Evenden, as the result of a traffic accident on Thursday October 3rd 1996. Very dear husband of Wendy, father of Huw, Ieuan and Harri and grandfather of Owain, Rhian, Bethan, Cerys, Angira. Funeral private. Details of a Memorial Service to be announced later.

BELL - Graham, C.B. On 6th October aged 76. Very dear husband of Molly, much loved and devoted father of Miriam and Sarah, close friend of son-in-law Bill and of Gordon, proud granddad of Rupert and Edwin. Private cremation for family only.

BENE - Andy (Henry Edward Franke) On 5th October 1996 suddenly at his flat in Richmond London. Beloved husband of Susan and much loved father of Carol, Peter, David and Simon. Funeral service at St Peter's Church Petersham Surrey at 3 pm on Friday 11th October 1996 followed by private family cremation. No flowers please. Donations to British Heart Foundation care of Andrew Holmes Funeral Directors of 378 Richmond Road East Twickenham TW1 2DX

BERRYMAN - On 4th October, Dorothy Berryman (Dot), aged 97. Dear nanny and friend for nearly 80 years.

BREEN-TURNER - James Robert (Jamie), husband of Jane, only son of Robert and Cynthia and brother of Sarah. Tragically on 2nd October.

BRENNAN - Anthony Vincent John on Saturday 5th October, in Wexham Park Hospital. Requiem Mass is to be held at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church, Bourne End, on Friday 11th October at 11.30am.

DAVIS - Patrick. Suddenly, while walking on Wimbledon Common, aged 82. Devoted husband of the late Jane (Lamert), and greatly loved and loving father of James, Crispin, Nigel and Ian, and grandfather of ten granddaughters and two grandsons. A service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton, on Thursday 10th October at 11am (with private cremation to follow). Flowers, and enquiries, to Fredk. W. Paine Ltd, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, London SW20. Tel: (0181) 946 1974

DILWORTH/WOODALL - Marjorie Dilworth of Penstraze, Truro, wife of James Woodall, died as a result of a road traffic accident on 30th September 1996. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Mitton, on Saturday 12th October 1996 at 11am. Flowers to the Chapel of Rest, Mount Hawke. Funeral Directors J H D White and Courtenay Johns (01872) 225511/ (01209) 890269

DONNELLY - Colonel Henry Ernest Arthur MC, TD, aged 83, much loved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully on Sunday 6th October at the London Clinic after a long illness borne with great Courage. The funeral service will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean, Berks on Friday 11th October at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations in aid of Cancer Research for Children may be sent to "The Shining Light" c/o 32 West Street, Marlow SL7 2NB.

DURN - (née Smethurst) Doris Mary, on 4th October at Berkeley Lodge Nursing Home, Worthing, in her 85th year. Widow of Major J R (Dickie) Durn and mother of David. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium on 14th October at 1.40pm. Flowers and enquiries to Dillistone Funeral Service, 191 South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7TW Tel: (01903) 200835.

FASSNIDGE - On 4th October suddenly in Bradford-on-Avon, Harold Fassnidge, aged 79. Loving husband of Edith and father of Rosemary and Hilary, grandfather of Matthew, Geoffrey and Katharine. He will be sadly missed. Enquiries to C.S. Bowyer Ltd (01225) 863208.

FLESSATI - Dominic Peter, on 4th October 1996, at home, aged 69. Husband of Eva, father of Valerie, Nicolette and Francesca. Requiem Mass at St. Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, London NW5, at 1pm on Friday 11th October; burial at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, N2, at 2.30pm.

FRY - Adrian Catherine, aged 88 years, died peacefully on September 26th 1996. Beloved mother of Anne and David and grandmother of Graham, Bridget and Charlotte. Funeral has taken place.

GIMSOLD - Ragnhild Petra Oline, on Friday 4th October peacefully in the Sloane Hospital Beckenham, aged 86. Dearly loved mother of Susan, Ingold and Peter, and grandmother of Jan, Finn and Nikki. Funeral service at St. George's Church, Beckenham at 11 am on Friday October 11th. Flowers or donations please to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

GOVER - On Sunday October 6th 1996, peacefully at home, Phyllis Margaret, aged 77 years, of Mawnan Smith. Much loved sister of Mary and Rosemary. Funeral Service (Graveside) on Saturday October 12th at 2pm at Mawnan Parish Church. No flowers. Donations for Marie Curie or Macmillan Nurses c/o Keith Pearce, Appleshaw, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth (01326) 250646

GRANVILLE-EDGE - On October 5th, at Harrogate District Hospital, aged 75, David, beloved husband of the late Katherine Heather, dear father of Michael and Elizabeth, dear grandfather of Frank, Ann-Marie, Emma, Amy and Holly. Funeral Service and committal at Holy Trinity Church, Little Ouseburn, Thursday October 10th at 2.30pm; donations in his memory may be left at the Funeral Service to Holy Trinity Church.

HAIGH - Eric Vickerman of Frinton-on-Sea, formally of Gildea Park, on September 26th, after a long illness, leaving a wife, two daughters and two grandsons.

HEALD - Dr. Peter DSC FRSE, aged 71, peacefully on 3rd October 1996. The dearly loved husband of Kathleen and father of Margaret, Richard and Jonathan. The funeral will take place on Thursday 10th October at 1.30pm in St Michael's Church, Kelsenborough, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please.

HEMBROW - Peacefully on October 6th, Eileen, aged 85 years, at Bon Secours Hospital, formerly of Gerrards Cross, devoted wife of Pip who died in May this year, beloved mother of Sue and Judy, adored grandmother of Andrew, Rachel, Chris, Kit and Stuart and great-grandmother of Jack and Alex. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Old Town Beaconsfield on Thursday, 10th October at 3.00pm.

KENNARD - On 4th October 1996, passed away peacefully after a long illness borne with immense courage, dignity and tenacity, Vivien Margaret (née Holder), aged 54, of Dormanstland, very dearly loved wife of Colin and adored mother of Richard. Loved instantly by all who met her. Funeral Service at St. John's, Dormanstland at noon on Tuesday 15th October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Harestone Marie Curie Centre, c/o R. Medhurst (F/D) Vine House, Hartfield, TN7 4AD.

LAZARUS - Sadie of Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, died on October 2nd 1996 aged 88. Beloved wife of the late Israel Lazarus. Much loved mother of Harry, Josie and Frank, a loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service to be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 9th October 1996 at 2.40 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Gore Brothers. Tel: (01843) 223534.

LEAHY - On 4th October, peacefully in the loving care of Honeyditches House, Kay, beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. Tom Leahy. Funeral St. Winifred's Church, Branscombe, Friday 11th October, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations to Animal Health Trust c/o Hansfords, Beare, (01297) 22538.

LYNCH - Patrick, died suddenly at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, on Wednesday 2nd October 1996. Dearest husband of Margaret, loving father of Julia and Malcolm, beloved grandad of Louise and Fiona. Will be greatly missed by us all. Funeral Service on Thursday 10th October 1996 at 1pm at St. Joan of Arc Church, 19 Tilford Road, Farnham, followed by cremation at Aldershot Crematorium. Donations if desired to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice or St. Thomas' Hospital, London, c/o H. C. Patrick & Co, 86-87 East Street, Farnham, GU9 7TP. Tel: (01252) 714884

MASON - On October 6th, 1996, at Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Fordcombe, Charles Forbes Mason, M.B.E., late of Blackheath, Elba and Hildenborough, aged 88. Funeral at St Mary's, Leigh, on Friday October 18th at 2.30 pm. Please, no mourning. Enquiries: H.J. Johnston & Son, Chiddingstone Causeway, TN11 8LE (01892 870372/870507).

MILLER - On October 6th 1996 at home with his family in Instow, North Devon, Major General David Edwin Miller CB, CBE, MC. Husband of Mary and father of Andrew and Simon. Funeral service will be held at The Church of St John Baptist, Instow on Friday October 11th at 3.15 pm followed by cremation. No flowers but donations in his memory may be given for the Cancer Research Campaign c/o M.C. Morris, Morris Bros, Funeral Directors, 96 Meddon Street, Bideford North Devon. (01237) 473744.

MORRIS - Nigel, on October 6th peacefully at home after bravely fighting a long illness. Beloved husband of Mary and father of Sally. Greatly loved by all family and friends, he will be sadly missed. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday October 15th at 11.00am at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, SW3. No flowers by request, donations in memory of Nigel may be made to Macmillan Nurses or Marie Curie c/o J.R. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 937 0757.

OWEN - Denis, died on 3rd October 1996, after a short illness, with his family around him. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Oxford, on October 10th 1996, at 12 noon. Family flowers only; donations in lieu of flowers to Denis Owen Memorial Fund, c/o Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1V 0LQ.

PARR - Thomas Thurston, M.A., Cantab, LL.D. died peacefully at home after a long and painfull illness on Saturday 5th October. Husband and friend of Jo, father and friend of Stephen, Christopher and Jane. Cremation at South Bristol Crematorium on Friday 11th October at 2pm. Family flowers only; donations please to R.B.L. Open Seamen Appeal, c/o Funeral Directors, Thomas Davis, Sandy Park Road, Brislington, Bristol.

REED - Marvyn Frederick, retired Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, died peacefully at home on October 5th 1996, aged 62. Dearly beloved husband of Zilpha, loving father of Joanna, Jane and Jessica and loved and respected colleague and friend. The funeral will be held at Canon Hill Chapel, Canley Crematorium, Coventry on Friday 11th October at 12.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, c/o Grimsmere and Timms Funeral Service, 118 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6NG.

ROBSON - Reverend Bernard John, on 3rd October 1996, husband of Anne, father of John and Phillip. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Milton, Cambridge on Friday 11th October at midday. Private Cremation thereafter. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, c/o Harry Williams & Sons, Cambridge (01223) 359480.

ROSKILL - Eustace Wentworth, on 4th October 1996, aged 85, peacefully in hospital. Beloved husband of Elisabeth and greatly loved father of Jane, Julian and Katharine. Also dearly loved grandfather of Olivia, Matthew, Oliver and George. Funeral at All Saints Church, Old Burghclere at 2 pm on Monday 14th October followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations to Intensive Care Unit, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading would be welcome c/o Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, 4-12 Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1DN. (Tel:01635 522210). The Memorial Service will be held after Christmas.

SHEPHARD - On October 4th in hospital, Kenneth, beloved husband of Dee, father of Amanda, Richard and Mark and grandfather of Rupert, Jamie, Freddie, Guy and Max. Funeral Service at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane on Thursday 10th October at 3.30pm. Funeral Director W. Austin & Sons. (01462) 438422.

TREHERNE - Desmond Joseph, aged 70, suddenly on Friday 4th October. Mourned by his children, granddaughter, brother, family and friends. Shiva terminates Thursday 10th October.

SLATER - Rusty, on 4th October 1996. Will be dearly missed by her many friends and family here and in Australia to whom she brought much love and joy. Funeral at St. Mary's Pantington, at 2.2pm on Wednesday 9th October. Family flowers only. Donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Donnington, Ch

OBITUARIES

LORD ROSKILL

Lord Roskill, PC, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 1980-86, died on October 4 aged 85. He was born on February 6, 1911.

Eustace Roskill had a long and distinguished career at the Bar and on the Bench. In fact, his professional life came in two almost equal halves — 20 years as practising barrister and 24 as a sitting judge.

Eustace Wentworth Roskill was the son of a KC, and the youngest and last surviving of four exceptional brothers: one, Sir Ashton, also a QC, and chairman of the Monopolies Commission; another, Captain Stephen Roskill, a well-known naval historian; and the third, Oliver, an engineer and the acknowledged doyen of management consultants.

Eustace Roskill, perhaps the most eminent, was an exhibitioner both at Winchester and Exeter College, Oxford, where he took a first in Modern History. In 1932 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple as a Harmsworth Scholar and served his pupillage first with John Morris (later Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest) and then with Sir Henry Willink, which took him into the well-known commercial chambers at Nos 3 and 4, Essex Court, where he was to spend the rest of his time at the Bar.

The Thirties were not a period of prosperity for barristers, but they enabled Roskill to acquire the foundation of his great knowledge of commercial law, particularly in shipping and marine insurance. He came through these tough early years despite a severe breakdown in his health after his mother was killed in a disastrous fire at the family house in Montague Square.

During the war, he worked in the Ministries of Shipping and War Transport, and acquired wide experience in these fields. Many wartime disputes remained to be resolved after 1945, and his practice on returning to the Bar was at first largely based on these, but then proliferated rapidly.

His many pupils included John Donaldson, later to become Master of the Rolls. In 1951 he became a Deputy Chairman of Hampshire Quarter Sessions and then Chairman from 1960 to 1971, when the Crown Court was set up. He took silk in 1953, and was always regarded as a certainty for the Bench. This came in 1962. Although he inevitably spent much of his time in the Commercial Court, he became an "all-rounder" from the start and soon acquired a high reputation in criminal and personal injury cases as well. He was a popular judge, because it was always a pleasure for a barrister to appear before him. He was never pompous, always courteous, quick and human. The essentials of every case before him were the people: the litigants, witnesses, counsel, and solicitors; and then the facts, not merely the legal issues. He was a first-class lawyer, but his main concern was always the truth.

He was invariably firm in accepting or rejecting evidence and in expressing his views about the reliability of witnesses. In his sentences in criminal cases he never shrank from severity when he felt it to be deserved. If he had any weakness as a judge, it would only have been that he never seemed to be in any doubt. But no one could blame him for having presided over the court which in 1977 refused leave to appeal to the Guildford Four, the alleged IRA bombers whose convictions were ultimately set aside in 1989 on the ground that they had been procured by false police evidence. That only came to light, almost by chance, some 12 years later in one of the most remarkable incidents in recent legal history.

His versatility was recognised as early as 1967 when he became the first vice-chairman of the newly-established Parole Board. From 1968 to 1970 he had the unenviable task of serving as chairman of the commission on the Third London Airport. The fact that its recommendations were ultimately not accepted, and that the project led to a great deal of further debate and a second inquiry a decade later, was in no way his fault or that of the Commission. Its recommendations foundered in politics and economic difficulties. Local feelings ran high in the various sites proposed, and he used to say that he believed himself to be the first judge burnt in effigy since Chief Justice Jeffreys after the "bloody assize" of 1685.

In 1971 his industry and the quality of his work were predictably rewarded when he was elevated to the Court of Appeal. He then added the chairmanship of the Senate of the Inns of Court to his burdens in 1972. In the same year he was made an Honorary Fellow of his old Oxford college, Exeter. Eight years later the only surprise occasioned to the Bench and the profession by his elevation to be a Law Lord stemmed from the fact that it had not happened earlier. The year of his appointment, which was accompanied by a life peerage, was also the year he spent as Treasurer of the Middle Temple.

During his final years on the Bench, he took on the chairmanship of a second inquiry of great importance in his life, the Fraud Trials Committee. The need for it was rightly reflected in the opening sentences of its report in 1986, after three years of heavy work: "The public no longer believes that the legal system in England and Wales



is capable of bringing the perpetrators of serious frauds expeditiously and effectively to book. The overwhelming weight of the evidence laid before us suggests that the public is right."

While the public, especially after the ignominious failure of the Maxwell prosecution, probably still holds the same view, there can be no doubt that the Fraud Trials Committee had a great influence on the reform of our system of criminal justice. Its recommendations led to the bulk of the Criminal Justice Act, 1987, which established the ill-fated Serious Fraud Office, and the important new system of "preparatory hearings" (commonly called pre-trial reviews) in fraud cases, which are designed to ensure a definition of the crucial issues well in advance of the trial, preferably before the same specialist judge, and in a way which may be made intelligible to a jury.

A particularly useful novel feature was the concurrent power of the court to order the defendants to disclose the main points of their defence in advance. The Criminal Justice Act, 1988, then enacted another important recommendation of the committee: to abolish peremptory challenges to jurors by either side, leaving only the right to challenge "for cause". The justification for this change was the increasing manipulation of the composition of juries in the hope of benefiting defendants.

But these were only the bare bones of the committee's recommendations, the ones that required legislation. A vast number of other recommendations concerning procedure and evidence were adopted by changes in the practice of the courts, not only in cases of fraud, and have brought lasting reforms to the system of preparing and conducting heavy criminal trials.

However, the single most striking and principal recommendation in the committee's report was not accepted (even if it must now seem more than ever urgent). Roskill and all but one of his seven colleagues recommended the trial of complex fraud cases without juries by a "Frauds Trials Tribunal" consisting of a specialist judge and two lay members. This provoked an inevitable chorus of traditionalist opposition, and an equally inevitable reluctance by the Lord Chancellor and Tory Cabinet of the day to venture into the political quicksands on what seemed — at the time — such a relatively limited issue. No doubt, from Lord Hailsham downwards, they ken better now.

In retrospect, the report of the Fraud Trials Committee will be seen as Roskill's greatest single achievement. But although its publication in 1986 coincided with his retirement from the Bench on reaching the statutory age of 75, his working career was far from over. He continued to sit frequently, both in the Lords and in the Privy Council, and he was greatly in demand as an arbitrator, both here and in the Commonwealth. Among other part-time occupations he also became chairman of the Appeals Committee of the Takeover Panel and had to deal with a number of important controversies in this relatively new field.

These were the milestones of an illustrious legal career. In comparison with his greatest contemporaries on the Bench — Lords Reid, Wilberforce, Diplock and, above all, Denning — he could not claim an equal profundity of scholarship. His interest in the law lay primarily in the practicalities and the marshalling of complex facts. And it is probably as a man that he will be chiefly remembered. He helped and befriended countless young men and women in the law, and many who are now on the Bench will never forget his support and encouragement in their early struggles. Unlike some other judges, he was always approachable. He never lost touch with his friends at the Bar or among the ranks of solicitors, and was totally accessible to everyone.

For many years he lived on the top floor of New Court in the Middle Temple, constantly inviting people to come and see him, calling on barristers in their chambers, and talking "shop" with groups of people on his way to and from court. He will be remembered for his charm, his conversation, his interest in people and events, the fluency (though sometimes also the length) of his extempore judgments and his unfailing sense of humour.

Although he did not marry until 1947, when he was 36, his family life was exceptionally happy and close. His wife, Elizabeth, supported him in all he did and, with his encouragement, herself became an active magistrate in Hampshire, dividing her time between their home in Newbury and their flat in the Temple. She survives him, together with a son and two daughters.

PAUL DRAPER

Paul Draper, tap dancer, died on September 20 aged 86. He was born on October 25, 1909.

PAUL DRAPER was the inventive performer who pushed tap dancing on from its vaudevillian roots into the concert hall. Having trained with George Balanchine, he knew how to use his whole body when he danced, not just his feet, and he held some advanced theories on what made the right musical accompaniment for a tap dancer. Unlike his contemporary, Fred Astaire, he made few films, and those that he did gave only a glimpse of his mesmerising presence on stage. His best work was done with Larry Adler, who began his career as a mouth organist by accompanying Draper.

Draper was born in Florence into a free-thinking, expatriate American household. His great-grandfather, Charles Dana, had launched the *New York Sun*. His mother Muriel, a writer and lecturer, returned with her sons to America after her marriage to Paul's father, a singer, had failed. She became a notable hostess, entertaining Picasso, Artur Rubinstein and Paul Robeson as guests.

Their home was filled with classical music at a time when jazz and ragtime were beginning to dominate the American music scene, and Draper absorbed it all. He was a restless boy, and spent much of his youth being expelled from private schools. Afterwards he started to teach ballroom dancing and, intrigued by a friend's tap dancing skills, he took three tap lessons from a Broadway dancer named Tommy Nip. He was so bad at it that Nip advised him to give up but, undaunted, Draper sailed to London, where he hoped standards would not be so exacting.

Even with the aid of family introductions to C. B. Cochran and Noël Coward, however, Draper found making a living in England difficult. After touring with *Sensations of 1932*, he moved to Paris where he got a job in a café, dancing on a 3ft-foot-high marble pedestal. He had become reasonably good by the time he returned to America a year later, but he was still dissatisfied with the prevailing philosophy behind tap, which was



that the more a performer "laid down iron" (the more furiously he banged down his metal-plated shoes), the better dancer he was.

Draper began to experiment with dancing to classical music. He tried a Bach gigue but thought his arms and upper body looked wrong. So he enrolled at the School of American Ballet where, having no previous training, he had to suffer the ignominy of being placed in a class of ten-year-olds. However, the lessons he took with George Balanchine gave him the technique he needed to develop his dancing, in a more fluid, rhythmically appropriate direction, particularly when he was dancing to the classics. Draper also met his wife there, a ballerina Heidi Vosseler, whom he married in 1941.

Draper's career took off when he left the school. He appeared in his first film *Colleen* with Ruby Keeler in 1936, and *The Time of Your Life* followed in 1948. But Draper was not cut out for Hollywood. He had a stammer since childhood which he later grew out of, but the impediment hindered his film career as well as ruining his efforts of being accepted into the Army (he was rejected on the ground that he would not be able to give orders effectively).

Throughout the late 1930s Draper danced at New York's top nightspots: the Rainbow Room, the Persian Room, the Plaza Hotel and Carnegie Hall. In 1940 he teamed up with Larry Adler, who played the mouth organ while Draper danced. The partnership made Draper even more of a sensation and they were booked at the largest venues in the country — the Symphony Hall in Chicago, and the San Francisco Opera House.

Their programme would open with Draper dancing to Adler's interpretations of Debussy or Strauss, for instance. Then Adler might take a rest while Draper powered through his unaccompanied *Sonata for Tap Dancer*, which took 17 minutes to perform, and included four movements. During the second half, Adler would play mostly jazz. Requests from the audience would form the encore, and Draper would end on a furious, eight minute version of *I Got Rhythm*.

Draper's professional decline began with the onset of the McCarthy era. He made no secret of how much he despised the work of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but he was never a Communist. In 1949 he and Adler sued a housewife from Connecticut after she had accused them of being pro-Communist. The trial ended in a hung jury in 1950. The same year Draper's dance routine was removed from the television broadcast of *Toast of the Town* after the network had received protests about its inclusion.

In this hysterical atmosphere, possibilities for work in America looked decidedly bleak. Like many other performers, Draper left for work and spent three years in Geneva and Britain. Looking back on that time, he said that he would have been ashamed, in those depressing days for American entertainers, had he not been blacklisted.

He returned to America in 1954 but the climate had changed in the interim. Vaudeville and cabaret were in decline, teenagers wanted to rock and roll, not watch tap dancing. Draper rented a studio and rehearsed by himself seven hours a day. Gradually he established a niche for himself on Broadway as the oldest statesman of tap. He scored a particular triumph dancing the title role of Stravinsky's *Histoire du Soldat* at the Phoenix Theatre in 1955. Through his fifties and sixties, he choreographed shows, taught students and made the occasional guest appearance in musicals. His wife died in 1992, and a year later he and his daughter were injured in a car accident. Though he was confined to a chair after that, he continued to teach and to provide an exacting inspiration for a new generation of tap dancers.

Draper leaves his three daughters.

DICK PARRACK

Dick Parrack, former managing editor of the *News of the World*, died of lung cancer yesterday aged 69. He was born on October 6, 1927.

DICK PARRACK was a formidable journalistic all-rounder — three times an editor in the provinces, assistant editor of *The Sun* when it was rapidly building its huge circulation in the 1970s, and then managing editor of the *News of the World* from 1984 until 1988.

A giant of a man, who had been a powerful rugby player in his youth, he displayed an affable manner which disguised an intense devotion to his work and an ability to be tough when necessary. And, like many of his generation of Fleet Street, both men and women, he put into practice the old adage, "play hard, work hard". A good lunch with colleagues was a delight to him, but was no more than a sensible pause in a day that often stretched from midmorning to midnight and beyond.

During a party at a Lancashire hotel to celebrate an important anniversary at the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*, he insisted on playing the drums during the band's break. But a small three-legged drumming stool was no match for his considerable bulk, and he toppled backwards out of sight into the backstage void. Returning some long minutes later, dusting himself down, he earned a standing ovation from his staff for what they saw as sporting behaviour.

At the newly launched *Evening Post* at Hemel Hempstead, where he succeeded the launch editor Eugene Wason, who went on to a distinguished career in the ever-uncomfortable editor's chair of the *Belfast Telegraph*, Parrack showed a sureness of touch at the helm of one of the newspapers which pioneered, well before its time, the new technology of printing. He was immensely popular with staff, who recognised in him a professionalism, sense of direction and a degree of high-



mindedness which now often appears a scarce commodity in local newspapers.

Richard Mainland Parrack learnt the basics of his trade on the *Shields Gazette*, a Tyneside evening paper renowned for pushing its young journalists hard.

After National Service with the RAF, he joined the *Newcastle Journal* as a sub-editor, swiftly earning promotion to chief sub-editor and assistant editor.

The owners of the *Newcastle Journal*, the Thomson Group, sent him to Lancashire as editor of the *Blackburn Evening Telegraph*. Later he edited the same group's evening papers at Middlesbrough and Luton.

There was a strong Tyneside representation (cynics called it a mafia) in the hierarchy of *The Sun* in its early, dyanamic years as a tabloid, and Parrack needed little persuasion to join them in the cramped Bouverie Street headquarters they shared with the giant *News of the World*. His long experience, cool head and ability to get the best out of others helped him to make his mark in an intensely competitive atmosphere.

After helping to ensure the successful transfer of the *News of the World* and *Sun* to Wapping, Parrack retired to a quieter country life in Wiltshire eight years ago. He died on the day after his 69th birthday.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen, a son and a daughter.

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To the Editor of The Times

It has been pointed out by General Smuts, who at the first meeting of the Economic Conference on Tuesday declared that "communications are of the essence of our Empire, and unless we succeed in solving some of the more urgent problems of more rapid and cheaper communications it will be almost impossible in the future to hold together this vast Empire scattered over the whole globe." Among the most pressing of these "more urgent problems" the subject of cheaper postage undoubtedly holds the foremost place, for whatever plans are adopted to reconstruct the commerce of the world must be shorn of more than half their value without a return to the penny post, which during the normal development in pre-war days came rightly to be looked on as the keystone to ever-increasing prosperity. And in these days how much more surely must a penny post become the solution of many of the complex questions which now confront our statesmen! Although to Great Britain alone belongs the proud distinction of having been the first to inaugurate a penny letter post, she cannot now be the pioneer in its restoration within the Empire, for this month penny postage has come into operation in New Zealand, while its early adoption is confidently anticipated in Australia also, last year's postal profit having been £1,500,000, which some of her public men contend was money filched from taxpayers' pockets, as "the Post Office should not be run at a profit." Our trade with another most important Dominion, Canada, must suffer no less than our trade with more distant territories because of our high rates of postage as compared with the penny post of America, which brings to her doors much that is thus lost to ourselves, and which secures to her also a large volume of business from the various countries in the Southern States, where special postal rates between North and South America are gradually shutting out our merchandise and manufactures. It is certain that in the matter of postal rates there can now be no resting place short of the penny post being restored, not only to the whole of the Empire and America, but further extended in our own interests to the whole world. The magic penny is the magic axis round which the wheels of the Empire's trade and industry will move with ever-increasing momentum.

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The penny post never returned and the charge remained at 1½d for several more years. At the time of writing, there were 240 pence to a pound.

Your family could be a recipe for disaster

ONLY 30 per cent of family businesses survive to the second generation and fewer than 13 per cent pass on to the founder's grandchildren, according to Grant Thornton, the business adviser (Rodney Hobson writes).

Yet family-owned businesses are the backbone of the UK economy, accounting for 75 per cent of all businesses, 50 per cent of jobs and generating half the country's gross national product.

Keith Tattershall, a partner at Grant Thornton, said: "Owners often assume that their offspring want to take over the company when they retire. However, when it comes to it, many owners are reluctant actually to step down and their children frequently don't have the experience or desire needed to take over."

Other hazards facing second-generation businesses include major family shareholders wanting to sell their shares. There may also be emotional ties, favouritism and rivalries wreaking havoc in a business. These problems can also affect partnerships and management buyouts, said Mr Tattershall, who is to head Prima, Grant Thornton's new service designed to help owner-managed and family businesses.

Dr Caryn Solomon, business consultant, said: "Mixing family and business can be a recipe for disaster. Families have to learn ways of resolving their differences so that their businesses can perform effectively.

"Over the years, I have found that in business the most infectious diseases are psychological."

Grant Thornton cites the case of an autocratic company founder, a workaholic hated by staff and who could not adapt to change in the market. The company began to have financial difficulties and the founder became ill and handed over to his son. The company was then run by an executive committee of the son and three long-serving senior managers who had no respect for him. Conflict broke out at executive committee meetings.

The senior executives saw the son as the new tyrant and victimised him to take revenge on the founder, who continued to assert control from his sickbed, thus preventing the son from asserting his authority.

B&B shows there is life after a 'greasy spoon'

BY MARK ANDREWS

SERVING a "full English" in a bed and breakfast transport caff eight hours a day, six days a week is hardly an ideal living.

"It was grotsville, the extreme lower end of the market," says Jonathan Cook, 36. "I was charging £12 a night. We had room for four. It was bacon, egg, sausage, beans, tomatoes, fried potatoes, as much grease as you could get on the plate; bacon fat with spuds, fried bread and fried mushrooms. Everything fried. I'd do 50 or 60 of those a day, plus urns of tea and coffee."

That was life at the café, called the Greasy Spoon, on an industrial estate on the outskirts of Bristol. "If they didn't like the sausages they threw them back at you. I stood it for two years; I made money and sold out for a handy profit."

Life is a bit different now. In a quiet backwater in Dorset — within sight and smell of the sea — Jonathan and his wife Maureen and two daughters cater for a totally different type of guest. They run the Abbey House, a licensed guesthouse at Abbotsbury, where the swannery and a tithe barn are tourist attractions.

Mr Cook went to catering college in Bath and started his working life in hospital kitchens and commercial catering.

"After the Greasy Spoon this is paradise," he says. "It was a run-down B&B — we spent a year putting it right. The house is 14th century, with 17th and 18th-century additions. It was part of the nearby abbey's infirmary — not a hospital but a resting place.

"We can accommodate 12 people in six rooms. We've had people from every continent. I don't know how they find us — we don't advertise."



Life in the country is sweeter for Jonathan and Maureen Cook, and the paying guests more fun

Now, after two years, the Cooks have taken the traditional B&B upmarket. They hit on the idea of "house parties" where a group of guests can take over the house for the weekend. "We do everything for them — arrange tours, organise dinner. I got the idea when a team of windsurfers from London came down, but couldn't surf because the weather was no good. They turned it into a party weekend and loved it. They organised another a month later. It was good business. They'd take all the rooms and we'd cost the extras separately after asking them what they wanted."

The idea has taken off and bookings are heavy into the new year. Anniversaries and reunions are a speciality, and now the Cooks are getting into "theme" parties. One woman booked an Agatha Christie-style "Murder at the abbey" weekend.

"She was the victim," says Mr Cook, "and was made-up to look like a corpse and went to the nearby churchyard. She was found by a man walking his dog. Gave him the fright of his life."

Although the house sleeps only 12 the Cooks can feed 20 at a large refectory table. Casual staff help and nearby B&Bs provide extra accommodation.

Americans, naturally, love it all. Mr Cook says: "We had a party of evangelists take us over — they were fun people with enormous appetites.

"They were into English sweets and cleaned out the village shop of Mars bars, cream eggs, everything. That was on top of their full English, lunch, afternoon cream teas and dinner."

Angels service for cash-starved firms

BY BRIAN COLLETT

AN ANGELS service is to be set up for people who run businesses from home. The service is the brainchild of an office worker who was looking for a second income.

Mark McLaughlin, 32, a tax manager with a Manchester firm of chartered accountants, sought guidance from the Home Business Alliance, a group for people with home-based businesses. He was advised to write in the alliance's newsletter asking for suggestions. None of the ideas interested him, but he read about business angels in another publication.

Mr McLaughlin had already seen that there were people needing cash for business ideas and others who had funds to start ventures but had not done so.

The disadvantage with most of the people who had capital gave him his inspiration: "They didn't seem willing to invest less than £10,000. So I had the idea for a mini-angels service." Mr McLaughlin has found a Northern Ireland member of the alliance who has formed a consortium with £100,000 to invest in businesses for a reasonable return; he knows of a woman who wants to invest and participate in a business but is not too worried about a profit; and a man who wants to be involved in an enterprise "for the fun of it".

He aims to publicise his service in small business magazines, including the alliance newsletter, which is expected to reach 250,000 readers through syndication. He will start a full-time service from his Manchester home on December 1, and will entertain many kinds of business, including those like multilevel and network marketing that are often refused by conventional lenders.

☐ *More details: 0161-437 3507.*

Business Links swell

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE number of small businesses using Business Links have topped 100,000 in one quarter for the first time, data to be released by the Department of Trade and Industry this week will show.

The figure of 107,159 in the April-June quarter shows that the number of businesses seeking help and advice from Business Links has almost doubled in less than a year.

The DTI report is in contrast to a claim by National Westminster Bank last week that businessmen and women were often unaware of the agency and prefered to turn to trade associations for help.

The DTI says that a survey of 600 small and medium businesses showed 62 per cent were aware of Business Links.

The DTI says more than 18 per cent of businesses with between 10 and 200 employees used Business Links during the quarter. The number using the information and advice services rose by 1,000 a week from the previous quarter while nearly 17,000 businesses received counselling.

The 530 personal business advisers helped 12,500 businesses in the second quarter and have 10,200 in their current caseloads.



"The uniform is a straitjacket!"

BRIEFINGS

☐ The heads of small and medium-sized businesses are invited to question specialist speakers on any aspect of exporting at this year's NatWest-FT export excellence forums. The next forums are at the DTI Conference Centre, London, on Thursday and at Manchester's Airport Hilton next Tuesday. The fee is £100. *Details: 0800 373383.*

☐ Directors of small businesses have been invited to apply for places on export study visits to Japan under a European Union scheme. Travel and accommodation costs will be met. The first visit (November 13-21), is for companies making environment protection equipment and electronics. The second (March 5-13 next year) concerns healthcare products and medical equipment. *Details from Mrs Wallis Goelen, European Commission, Directorate-General I-F-1, Rue de la Loi 200 (B-28 6/119), B-1049 Brussels.*

☐ A business development service for small growing companies will be launched by the Kingston Chamber of Commerce in Surrey on Thursday. Chamber members can receive two days' free consultancy and non-members will be given heavily subsidised rates. *Details: 0181-296 9595.*

☐ A free 56-page guide to explain without jargon the uses of technology in business has been produced by the Information Society Initiative. *Doing Business in the Information Society* is available on 0345 152000.

☐ Improving the support services for entrepreneurs will be the theme of this year's conference of the Women's Enterprise Forum. *Janet Anderson, the Shadow Women's Minister, will give the main speech. The conference is at Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire, on November 7. Details: 01925 633309.*

☐ New small businesses can get a 50 per cent discount on the cost of checking and registering their name and trademark and 10 per cent off comprehensive insurance in the NatWest start-up package.

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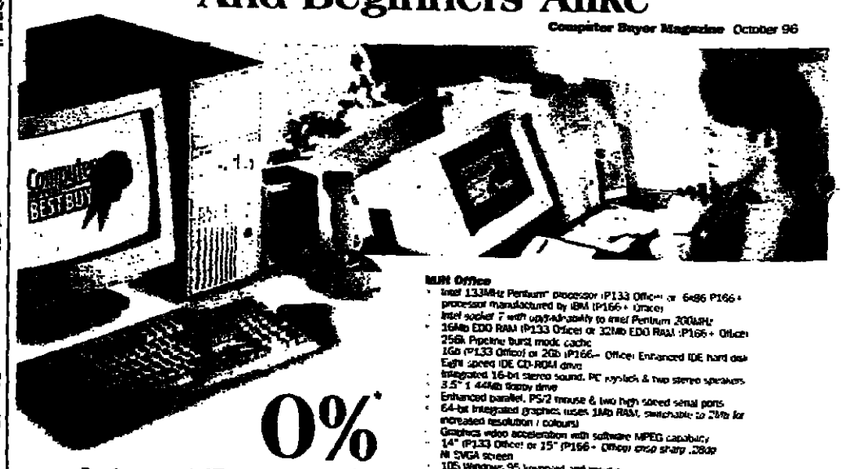
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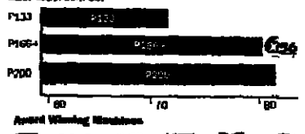
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Court cannot ignore insolvency set-off rule

In re BCCI SA (in liquidation) (No 9)

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment August 8]

The court had no inherent power to disapply rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) *regarding set-off or any other* substantive rule forming part of the statutory scheme under the 1986 Act or Rules.

Accordingly, where ancillary English liquidators of a foreign company which was being wound up principally in its place of incorporation, wished to transfer the funds at their disposal to the foreign liquidators to facilitate a worldwide distribution among creditors pari passu, but the two jurisdictions had contary rules as *to insolvency set-off, the English* liquidators should retain sufficient funds to satisfy those creditors proving in the English liquidation who would be entitled to enjoy the benefit of set-off under rule 4.90.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division *on an application by the* English liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA for directions as to whether before transferring funds to the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI the English liquidators should make provision for various matters and principally whether or to what extent the court could disapply rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules in order to allow the rules of Luxembourg insolvency regarding set-off to apply.

The 12 respondents to the application were the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI SA and representative creditors and debtors of BCCI SA.

Mr Michael Crystal, QC, Mr Martin Pascoe and Mr Fidelis Oditah for BCCI SA England; Mr *Nigel Davis*, QC, for the Arab Banking Corporation BSC; Miss Hilary Heilbron, QC, for Mr Ismail of the Rising Group, a net debtor; Mr John Jarvis, QC and Mr Sandy Shandro, solicitor, for the Deposit Protection Board; Mr Ajmalul Hossain for the BCCI *campaign committee; Mr Anthony* Trace and Mr Michael Gibbon for BCC Gibraltar Ltd; Mr Robin Dicker for CM Fashions (Leeds) Ltd, a net creditor; Mr Simon Mortimore, QC, for the Bank of China; Miss Susan Prevezer for BCCI SA Isle of Man; Miss Susan Prevezer for BCCI SA Scotland; Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Richard Snowden for the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI SA; Mr John Brisby, QC, for Mr Peter Ackermann, a creditor; Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC and Mr Tom Beazley for the English liquidation committee.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that BCCI SA was incorporated in Luxembourg and formed part of a group that carried on a banking business on an international scale, much of which *was transacted in the United* Kingdom. BCCI SA was the wholly owned subsidiary of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) SA.

BCCI SA went into liquidation in Luxembourg on January 3 1992. It was followed by a winding-up order made in England on January 14 1992. It was accepted that Luxembourg, *the country where the company was incorporated*, was the principal liquidation and that the liquidation in England was ancillary.

The rules as to set-off for debtor/creditors in the two jurisdictions were very different. In Luxembourg if a creditor also *owed the company money, he was* obliged to pay his debt in full before receiving, what in an insolvent liquidation, would only be a dividend on the whole of the sum due to him.

In England, by virtue of rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules, a debtor/creditor could set off his debt to the company and prove for and receive a dividend on any credit balance. Thus up to the extent of the debt he owed the company, the creditor would receive 100 pence in the pound.

The English liquidators had at their disposal, as a result of various prior agreements, 48.5 per cent of the global realisations of BCCI, the total value of which was about US $2 billion, as well as some US $655 million which were the proceeds of the realisation of English assets.

The English liquidators wished to transfer those assets to the Luxembourg liquidators so that the latter could distribute the company's assets among the worldwide creditors pari passu.

However, such a distribution would be made in accordance with Luxembourg law and so insolvency set-off under rule 4.90 would not apply. The English liquidators therefore sought the determination of the court as to whether they should retain funds to satisfy the claims of debtor/creditors who proved in the English liquidation in order to give them the benefit of the set-off provisions in rule 4.90.

It was unclear whether there were any and if so what limits to *the extent to which English liq*uidators in a so-called "ancillary" liquidation could decline to apply provisions of English insolvency law and procedure in deference to the insolvency law and procedure of the country in which the principal winding-up was taking place.

The power of the courts to wind up companies was a statutory power. In the Vice-Chancellor's judgment, the courts had no more *inherent power to disapply the* statutory insolvency scheme than to disapply the provisions of any other statute.

Section 125 of the 1986 Act provided: "(1) On hearing a winding-up petition the court may dismiss it, or adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally, *or make an interim order, or any* other order that it thinks fit . . .".

Mr Brisby suggested that the words "any other order that it thinks fit" could provide the requisite power.

In his Lordship's opinion, however, the words could not bear the weight sought to be placed on them. They had, surely, to be read subject to the eiusdem generis rule and, so read, could not authorise the coupling-up of a winding-up order with a direction disapplying some part of the statutory winding-up scheme.

It was true that Sir Donald Nicholls in approving an earlier agreement, and the Court of Appeal, in dismissing the appeal against his order, had been prepared to approve the entry by the *English liquidators into an agree*ment one effect of which might have been to vary the pari passu rule governing distributions to creditors.

That agreement represented, however, a compromise of claims and cross-claims between the liquidators and the Abu Dhabi *majority shareholders. The var*iation of the pari passu rule was a term of that compromise.

The court had an undoubted power under section 167 of the 1986 Act to authorise liquidators to compromise claims and both Sir Donald Nicholls and the Court of Appeal found the requisite power *in that section. Section 167 was,* however, of no relevance to the present issue.

There was, nonetheless, a long line of authority describing an English liquidation as an "ancillary" liquidation where the company concerned was a foreign company in liquidation in its *country of incorporation* which appeared to approve the placing of limits on the functions of the English liquidators.

His Lordship considered those authorities and accepted that the functions of such ancillary liquidators were to realise assets, settle a list of creditors and *transmit the assets and the list to* the principal liquidators to enable a dividend to be declared and paid.

Nonetheless, the ancillary character of an English winding-up did not relieve an English court of the obligaton to apply English law, including English insolvency law, *to the resolution of any issue* arising in the winding-up which was brought before the court. It might be, of course, that English conflicts of law rules would lead to the application of some foreign law principle in order to resolve a particular issue.

Mr Geering, supported by Mr Brisby, submitted that the Insolvency Rules, as a whole, were procedural and that it was only in that procedural context that rule 4.90 created substantive rights. *The court had, they submitted,* power to disapply those procedural rules, either in whole or in part, in deference to the rules of the principal liquidation.

They submitted that if that were not so, the court could not make any order varying any of the procedures prescribed by the 1986 *Act and Rules, even, for example,* an order for the transmission of the assets to the principal liquidators. The position, they said, was all or nothing.

His Lordship found the logic of their submissions compelling but he was not persuaded that they were right.

The established power of the court to direct English liquidators to transmit funds to the principal liquidator had not established the power of the court to disapply rule 4.90 or any other substantive rule forming part of the statutory scheme under the 1986 Act or Rules.

There were also practical considerations in the present case which meant that even if his Lordship had had jurisdiction to disapply rule 4.90 it was not practicable to do so.

Accordingly, rule 4.90 applied in the English winding-up and had to be given effect to. The question of what retentions should be made by the English liquidators to protect the positions of net creditors and net debtors had to be answered on *that footing.*

His Lordship had come to the clear conclusion that provision should be made by the English liquidators for the dividend that net creditors would receive in an English winding-up but that no provision should be made for net debtors who would be unable to prove in an English winding-up and to whom the English liquidators had no liability.

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Female firefighter suffered sex bias

Hereford and Worcester County Council and Others v Clayton

Before Lord Justice Mummery, Ms S. R. Corby and Miss A. Mackie

[Judgment October 3]

A remark by a fire brigade officer to his watch that "the bad news" was that the new member of the watch was going to be a woman, although not made to the woman concerned, was capable of having *detrimental consequences for her* for the purposes of establishing unlawful sex discrimination.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal by Hereford and Worcester County Council, Gordon Perkins and Ronald East from the decision of a Shrewsbury industrial tribunal dated March 30, 1995, upholding a complaint of sex discrimination by Mrs Tania Clayton against her employers, the Hereford and Worcester Fire Brigade, and two fellow employees, Sub-Officer Perkins and Sub-Officer East.

Ms Ijeoma Omambala for the county council; Ms Louise Chudleigh for Mr Perkins and Mr East; *Mr David Bean for* Mrs Clayton.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that Mrs Clayton had made 34 specific complaints of sex discrimination ranging over the five years of her employment in the *fire service.*

The industrial tribunal found 15 acts of discrimination and concluded that Mrs Clayton had been less favourably treated, on the ground of her sex, than the male firefighters in that they were not subject to the same harsh and unfriendly regime as she was.

The appeal had revealed no error of law in the decision. If any criticism was to be made, it was on the ground that the decision did not explain, and it had not been adequately explained by counsel, why the tribunal had allowed the county council to withdraw an open and unqualified admission of liability contained in a letter to Mrs Clayton's solicitors in February 1994.

In deciding whether to allow the *admission to be withdrawn* the industrial tribunal would be expected to have acted in accordance with the general principle in civil litigation summarised at note *27/3/8* in volume 1 of the *The Supreme Court Practice* 1995. The discretion was exercised on the same principles as governed other kinds of amendment: the balance of prejudice and justice and other facts, such as bad faith.

But that was a matter which would no doubt be relevant to the *issue of costs.*

The grounds of appeal had covered eight areas. In relation to detriment and treatment it had been submitted that a sexist insult or remark, without more, was not detriment within the meaning of the Sex Discriminarion Act 1975, even if the remark caused distress *to the applicant.*

That submission had been made in the context of an incident in which a divisional officer had stated to the watch: "The good news is that you are getting someone else for the watch, the bad news is that it is a woman, Tania Clayton." The tribunal *found that the remark gave the* wrong signal to the watch.

There was no error of law in finding that that was detriment. The remark had not been made to Mrs Clayton but that did not prevent it from having detrimental consequences for her.

The tribunal made findings of *two acts of victimisation: (i) the* vandalising of Mrs Clayton's cap by persons unknown and (ii) ostracism of her by numerous, but unspecified, firefighters after she had made her complaint of sex discrimination. The tribunal had found the county council vicariously liable only for the second.

It had been submitted that, as a matter of law, Mrs Clayton could not overcome the hurdle of causation in establishing victimisation, *without specifically identifying the* alleged discriminators.

The industrial tribunal had properly directed itself as to the requirements of victimisation. It set out the principles as stated in *Aziz v Trinity Street Taxis* ([1989] QB 463) and its finding was based on the satisfaction of those *requirements.*

It was also contended that the tribunal had erred in holding that certain acts were continuing acts extending over a period and not, therefore, out of time and in exercising discretion to extend time for those acts which were not continuing.

There was no error of law. The tribunal was entitled to find that the carry down, extra drills and rostering over a period were continuing acts. The tribunal had the widest possible discretion to extend time limits, and there was no legal error in considering the question at the end of the hearing *rather than at the beginning.*

The county council had complained that all the findings of fact against them were plainly perverse decisions. That ground of appeal was an attempt to secure a rehearing of the whole case for the purpose of persuading the appeal tribunal either to substitute a *different decision or to send the* matter for rehearing. That was an impossible task and an impermissible request.

Solicitors: Mr R. K. Yates, Worcester; T. A. Matthews, Hereford; Robin Thompson & Partners, Birmingham.

Outstanding cases

Lloyd's litigation: Outstanding cases

Mr Justice Cresswell issued a statement on September 23 concerning outstanding cases in the Lloyd's litigation in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Commercial Court wished to identify which, if any, of the outstanding cases forming part of the Lloyd's litigation, as defined in his Lordship's statement dated March 22, 1996 (*The Times* April 5, 1996) (i) to which a trial date had been assigned and (ii) to which no trial *date had been assigned, remained* effective in whole or in part following the recent market settlement.

To that end his Lordship would be grateful if all solicitors acting for names in outstanding cases would write to the clerk to the *Commercial Court within the next* 14 days setting out the position as to the cases in which they had been instructed.

Such letters should be copied to the solicitors acting for all other parties, who were of course free to write to the clerk to the Commercial Court setting out their understanding of the position.

Majority accept

Aarons and Others v Arthur Andersen and Another

Arbuthnot and Others v WMD Underwriting Agencies Ltd

Harry Allen And Others v Same

In view of the 94 per cent level of acceptances by plaintiff names at Lloyd's of the settlement offer, Mr Justice Cresswell, sitting in the Commercial Court of the Queen's *Bench Division made the follow*ing orders on September 26:

1 Vacating the date of March 3, fixed for the hearing of those actions;

2 Extending generally the time for compliance with any outstanding directions in those actions;

3 That if any plaintiff wished to pursue his claim in those actions he must within 21 days

(a) give an address for service and details of the solicitors who would be acting for him

(b) apply to the court for further directions: failing which his action would be stayed.

His Lordship emphasised that the defendants had confirmed that *no application for an order for* costs would be made against any plaintiff who had not participated in the settlement but had within those 21 days given notice of withdrawal.

Power of judge to intervene in ongoing arbitration

Fletamentos Maritimos SA v *Effjohn International BV*

A High Court judge could intervene in the interlocutory stages of an arbitration by remitting a *matter to the arbitrator for his* reconsideration, although that power would be used only rarely.

Mr Justice Morison so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 3 when refusing the application of Flatamentos Maritimos SA for the removal of the arbitrator of their arbitration case against Effjohn International BV and an order setting aside his decision as to directions or alternatively remitting the matter for a fresh decision.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in *K/S A/S Bill Biakh and K/S A/S Bill Biali v Hyundai Corporation* ([1988] 1 Lloyd's Rep 187) the judge had said ". . . an arbitrator's failure to observe the principles of natural justice in the making of interlocutory rulings may lead either to the revocation of the mandate of the arbitrator . . . or the removal of the arbitrator . . . but . . . the court has no inherent jurisdiction to correct procedural errors . . . during the course of the reference."

The judge's stark choice did not properly take account of those procedural errors which might occur in the interlocutory process where the interest of justice required that the matter be remitted back to the arbitrators. It would probably only be rare cases where the courts would make any order because they respected the autonomy of arbitrators.

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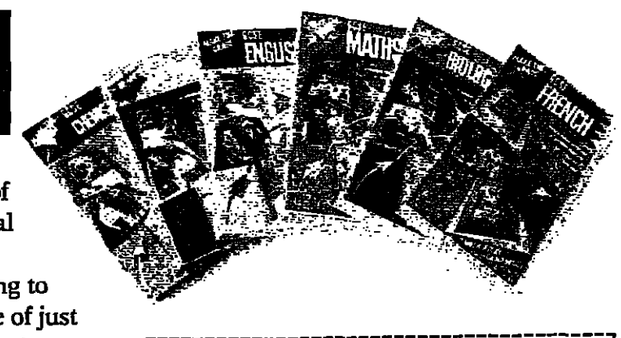
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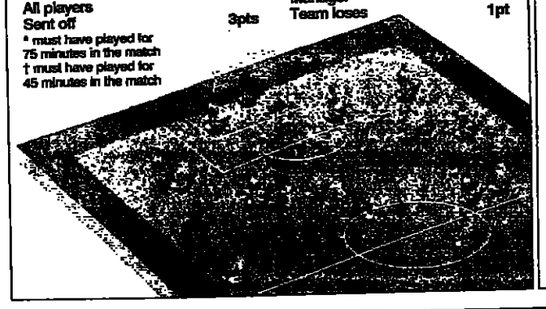
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Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
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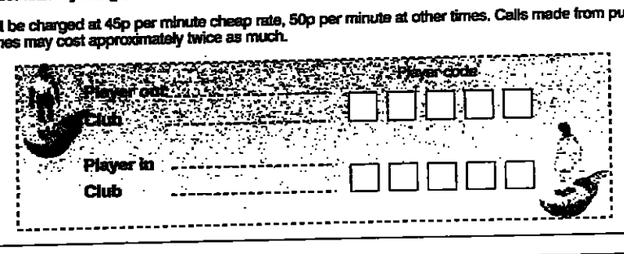
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	174
2	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	168
3	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	167
4	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	166
5	Henning Berg Kick I	(I Miura)	165
6=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	163
6=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	163
8=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	162
8=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	162
10=	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	161
10=	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	161
10=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	161
10=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	161
14=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	160
14=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	160
14=	Erevenge On Judus F	(N Hir)	160
17=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	159
17=	Spring City	(A L Collins)	159
17=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	159
17=	Le Boeuf And 2 Veg	(M Sawley)	159
21=	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	158
21=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	158
21=	Best Of The Best	(R Ruparelia)	158
21=	Thompson's XI	(G Thompson)	158
21=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	158
26=	Daggers	(V Cox)	157
26=	—	(no name)	157
26=	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	157
26=	Arrogant FC	(F K Taylor)	157
30=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	156
30=	Nobby J	(J Brown)	156
30=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	156
30=	Polly's Pride	(P Smiley)	156
30=	Aldecurcic Villa	(M Jukes)	156
30=	4 4 2	(K Browne)	156
30=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	156
37	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	155
38=	Beeston Celtic	(B Mcgivern)	154
38=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	154
38=	Le Boeufeaters	(J Roebuck)	154
41=	West Wonderers	(S West)	153
41=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	153
41=	Gianluca At Me	(P Naylar)	153
44=	E	(M Corless)	152
44=	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	152
44=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	152
44=	TWFC 1	(T Webley)	152
44=	Storm	(P Mills)	152
44=	Offci	(D Findlay)	152
50=	1st Eleft	(K J Burns)	151
50=	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	151
50=	Gangsters	(A Loan)	151
50=	Inta Goal	(G Lippett)	151
50=	Graeme's Greats 1	(G Carvel)	151
50=	Caroline D	(A Luckhurst)	151
50=	Ginger	(T P Leah)	151
50=	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	151
58=	Moldova	(I Aldous)	150
58=	Plan B FC	(R Ayres)	150
58=	T 20	(T Basaran)	150
58=	Euro Paulo 1	(P O'Connell)	150
58=	Jaywalkers	(D Ashton)	150
58=	Perfecto Allstars	(A Piano)	150
64=	Nobby 7	(J Brown)	149
64=	Athletico Storm	(P Mills)	149
64=	The Foreign Legion	(R Horsler)	149
64=	Jones Boys 8	(M Jones)	149
64=	Jenny's Skates	(D S Mills)	149
64=	Sitting Ducks	(A Piano)	149
64=	Tamechester Rovers	(M Tame)	149

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



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Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
64=	Inter Jakes FC	(S A Jakes)	149
64=	Barry's Team	(B Matthews)	149
73=	Dutch Courage	(R van Rutenbeek)	148
73=	Nobby 14	(J Brown)	148
73=	Emma And Helen	(D Linsley)	148
73=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	148
73=	Fowler's Furys	(B Byrnes)	148
73=	Wollaston Wolves	(D Garratt)	148
73=	Champions Elect	(L Spence)	148
73=	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	148
73=	Foreign Legion	(K Rowling)	148
73=	Joe's Hotshots	(N Howe)	148
73=	Cool Side Burns	(M Roper)	148
73=	Essex Eagles 96 FC	(C Jennings)	148
85=	Ivy's Best	(D Tuthill)	147
85=	Beyond Care	(P Foster)	147
85=	Down And Out	(I Carruthers)	147
85=	Scampi	(D Collier)	147
85=	Snappers United	(W Gayter)	147
85=	Shack Attack	(R Shackleton)	147
85=	Shooting Stars	(S Scott)	147
85=	Soccer Superstars	(J McCallion)	147
85=	Allen X1	(A Djemil)	147
85=	Natascha's Team	(N Engel)	147
85=	Rapid Viennetа	(M Forrest)	147
85=	The Trawler	(G Bannister)	147
85=	Rodent's Rovers	(M Daniels)	147
85=	Dolphin Stars	(D Bowler)	147
85=	First Eleven	(L Sawley)	147
100=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	146
100=	Cholm Chix 69	(C Scarlet)	146
100=	Former Champions	(Murhabin)	146
100=	Hopeful Hotshots	(H Rimmer)	146
100=	Roisin's Raiders	(P M Handley)	146
100=	Down's Destroyers	(R McCullough)	146
100=	Smelly Wellies XI	(A Shabir)	146
100=	Careless Whisper	(L Geary)	146
100=	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	146
100=	Class 1	(R J Weston)	146
110=	Oct95-ITF Champ!	(M Sladden)	145
110=	Flavio's Left Foot	(A Ozanne)	145
110=	Friends 36	(R Fyfe)	145
110=	A2	(K Farhall)	145
110=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	145
110=	Wbwfc3	(G Atkinson)	145
110=	The Untouchables	(N Armstrong)	145
110=	NK 3	(N Ross)	145
110=	Stars And Strips	(P Thompson)	145
110=	Brill XI	(R Seger)	145
110=	Team Goels	(S Farnaby)	145
110=	Studs Up	(S Taylor)	145
110=	Priory Rangers	(J Palmer)	145
110=	Lucy's Legion	(J Gendall)	145
110=	Hazza's Dream Team	(P Thornton)	145
110=	Blue Stars	(N Broomhall)	145
126=	12 Sick Parrots	(T Mayor)	144
126=	Brady's Babes 2	(S Brady)	144
126=	SJB	(M Buckley)	144
126=	Mac's Monkeys	(M Mcbride)	144
126=	Ne	(H Somerville)	144
126=	Albian Harries XI	(A Hynes)	144
126=	ST Utd	(M O'Brien)	144
126=	The Foreign Legion	(A Cheung)	144
126=	The Foreign Legion	(S Allen)	144
126=	Seaford Flyers	(L Reed)	144
126=	Devon Demons	(D G Flory)	144
126=	—	(G Hinds)	144
126=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	144
126=	Pop Of Blues	(P Fitzpatrick)	144
126=	Aces Eleven	(S Nehra)	144
126=	Team A	(A Lone)	144
126=	Kanfer's Crooles	(E D Kanfer)	144
126=	—	(P Godard)	144
126=	Europe United	(P O'Donnell)	144
126=	Bumbles XI	(S Jones)	144
126=	Steven's Wonders	(S Montgomery)	144
147=	Burch Girls	(M Burch)	143
147=	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	143
147=	Abc	(M Baber)	143
147=	NQC2	(A Carter)	143
147=	Black Pearls	(R Jones)	143
147=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	143
147=	Nomads	(N Broom)	143
147=	Calstor Mariners	(J Morgan)	143
147=	Real Casson	(T Casson)	143
147=	Hutton Hotspur	(P Sheridan)	143
147=	Dave's Demons 92	(G Daniels)	143
147=	Steady Scorers	(J Stevenson)	143
147=	Parlez Vous	(A Weir)	143
147=	Harrison's Dream Team	(P Thornton)	143
147=	Shipmates United	(M Barrett)	143
147=	Ashley FC	(L A Taylor)	143
163=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	142
163=	Wol's Wonders	(J Willis)	142
163=	JKallstars	(J Knipe)	142
163=	Ratho Station Raider	(J Kerr)	142
163=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	142
163=	Staffie	(I Longstaff)	142
163=	Randy Sausages XI	(A Pycraft)	142
163=	FC Very Much So	(A P Howard)	142
163=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	142
163=	Golden 11	(L Mills)	142
163=	Southside Utd	(P Mulligan)	142
163=	Good Greek	(D Ellis)	142
163=	Smyth's Stonkers	(M Jack)	142
163=	Goodtimes 5	(K J Wheland)	142
163=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	142
163=	Not Man U	(R Horsler)	142
163=	AC Fantasy FC	(M Skipper)	142
163=	Silver Shooters	(P Farnworth)	142
163=	Harts FC	(N Hart)	142
163=	Gallowglass Utd	(M Deery)	142
163=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	142
163=	FC Big Hands	(A Martin)	142
163=	Reservoir Dogs	(A Piano)	142
163=	Motley Town	(K McGuire)	142
163=	Turnip United	(O Ashe)	142
163=	Rocky I	(K S de Silva)	142
163=	Elland Jesters	(M Gallagher)	142
163=	Leasowes One	(M Price)	142
163=	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	142
163=	Lochside All Stars	(W Cowan)	142
163=	Dynamo Deelies	(D Scott)	142
194=	Clive From Down Under	(K James)	141
194=	Al's 1st 11	(A Davies)	141
194=	King Cantona	(A Oldbury)	141
194=	Little Dons	(P Hoyle)	141
194=	Layton's Lions	(R Layton)	141
194=	Jones Boys One	(M L Jones)	141
194=	Bacon Sandwich	(D L Davis)	141
194=	Fortuna Sandwich	(A J Finkel)	141
194=	Do I Not Like Man Utd	(C D Woodward)	141
194=	Sandon City	(A Bowtell)	141
194=	The Fat Kebabs	(I Saiyed)	141
194=	All Or Nothing	(S Ringrow)	141
194=	Keltic Warriors	(D Concannon)	141
194=	Ipswich Allstars	(M Carmen)	141
194=	The Chrispies	(C Potter)	141
194=	GR Team II	(S Brook)	141
194=	Gullitisgod	(P Roberts)	141
194=	Sarsaparilla	(G Bows)	141
194=	Cookie Monsters	(S Barr)	141
194=	Beaconsfield AFC	(M Shoufin)	141
194=	Crouch End Rovers	(M Mitchell)	141
194=	Latent Margater	(G Boylan)	141
216=	Botak United 1	(J Puli)	140
216=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	140
216=	I	(M Corless)	140
216=	Yikes Yizzy	(D Flory)	140
216=	The Dansters	(C C Vevers)	140
216=	BB's Boys	(C Cowey)	140
216=	Bramhall Bashers	(J Thakkar)	140
216=	Good Times 4	(K J Wieland)	140
216=	Half A Chance	(T Reading)	140
216=	Johnny Foreigner	(K Saunders)	140
216=	—	(no name)	140
216=	Icicerula	(B Wells)	140
216=	Pl's	(I Butt)	140
216=	Copley Cougers	(P Bray)	140
216=	Beep Cleap Chimney	(M Swallow)	140
216=	Sporting Rangers	(H Sloan)	140
216=	Sydney's Boys	(H Melbourne)	140
216=	Ord For England	(R J Offer)	140
216=	Patto's Allstars	(D Pattison)	140
216=	Albatross XI	(A Piano)	140
216=	Ruska's Cartel	(B Irki)	140
216=	Torpedo Shield	(J Shield)	140
216=	Smallbone Rovers	(A Bowd)	140
239=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	139
239=	Shamrock Aces	(N Ferguson)	139
239=	Kozluk Town	(R Kozluk)	139
239=	Non Englishmen XI	(J Mohammed)	139
239=	Dojo 4	(J Adams)	139
239=	Scully	(D Scullthorp)	139
239=	Premier Princis	(A Garta)	139
239=	Fifthpool City	(P Rowe)	139
239=	Seekes Albion	(C Thiees)	139
239=	Turner's Tigers	(C Turner)	139
239=	Parkin's Wizards	(J Parkin)	139
239=	Garfoth Greats II	(M Gibson)	139

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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	0
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+16
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	0
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	-7	+6
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.00	0	-10
10402	S Given	Blackburn	2.00	0	0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-3
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-10
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-15
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-4
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	-5
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	0
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	0
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-16
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	+8
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-26
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	0	-10
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	0
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	0	-3
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0	+12
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	+6
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester Utd	1.00	0	+5
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-14
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	+5
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle	3.00	-5	-1
12201	M Crossley	Nottm Forest	2.50	0	-12
12202	A Fettis	Nottm Forest	0.75	0	0
12203	T Wright	Nottm Forest	0.75	0	0
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-19
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+16
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-5
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-10
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+3
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	0
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.50	0	+5
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	0	-13
12902	S Mautone	West Ham	0.50	0	+5
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+10
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0



Billy Dodds, the Aberdeen forward, will be hoping to improve his ITF points tally after duty with Scotland

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+3
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+7
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+8
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	-3	+10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	-3	+11
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	-3	+5
20401	H Berg	Blackburn	3.00	0	-5
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn	3.00	0	0
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn	3.00	0	-4
20404	G Croft	Blackburn	1.50	0	+4
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	-1
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	0	+10
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+8
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+3
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-5
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-1
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+4
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+4
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+4
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	-2
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-6
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+5
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+7
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0	-6
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+9
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+9
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	-10
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	-3
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	0
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	0	+8
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0	+7
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+16
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	+17
21802	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+11
21803	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+3
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-1
21902	C Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-3
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	Newcastle	3.00	0	0
22102	S Watson	Newcastle	3.00	-2	+3
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle	2.50	0	+1
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle	2.50	-2	0
22201	S Pearce	Nottm Forest	4.00	0	0
22202	D Lyttle	Nottm Forest	2.00	0	-4
22203	A I Haaland	Nottm Forest	1.00	0	+4
22204	N Jerkan	Nottm Forest	2.00	0	+1
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-7
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-5
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	0
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+3
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+6
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	-4
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	+4
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-1
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+1
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+9
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+13
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	0	+2
22801	D Austin	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00	0	+9
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	1.00	0	+8
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham	4.00	0	+3
22902	T Breacker	West Ham	1.00	0	-1
22903	K Rowland	West Ham	1.00	0	-1
22904	M Bowen	West Ham	1.00	0	+5
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+7
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+3
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+11
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+13

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+2
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-2
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	+4
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+11
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+13
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30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	-3	+14
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	-3	+13
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30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn	4.00	0	-1
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn	2.50	0	0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn	0.50	0	+4
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+2
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	0
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30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	+21
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
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30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+7
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+13
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
30701	L Dalsh	Coventry City	2.00	0	-3
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	-5
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30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+1
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31002	I den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-3
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31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+1
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31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3
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31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	+5
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+9
31603	P Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+4
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31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+12
31801	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	+9
31802	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+10
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	+8
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-6
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-2
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-5
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-1
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32102	S Howey	Newcastle	3.00	+1	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle	3.00	-2	+2
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32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+12
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+4
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32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+1
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wed	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	-3
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	0
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32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+13
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	0	+14
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham	2.50	0	+9
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32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
32804	J Cundy	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham	0.50	0	-3
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32904	R Hall	West Ham	1.50	0	0
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33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+13
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MIDFIELDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+9
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+6
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	0	+6
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+8
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+16
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+9
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40206	D Hillier	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+4
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	0
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	-3	+8
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+11
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+5
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
40305	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+1	+6
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn	4.00	0	+3
40402	L Bohlnen	Blackburn	3.50	0	+8
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn	2.50	0	+3
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn	2.50	0	0
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn	2.50	0	+7
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn	1.50	0	+3
40407	G Donis	Blackburn	1.50	0	+11
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn	1.00	0	+4
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+10
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+4
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40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+10
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40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	0	+6
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40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
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41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+6
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+9
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+8
41101	A Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00	0	+13
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41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+3
41107	V Samways	Everton	0.50	0	0
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+2
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+2
41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	0	+7
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+3
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	0
41304	A Millen	Hibernian	0.50	0	+10
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+1
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+5
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+4
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41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+2
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41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+4
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+4
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41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+6
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+6
41509	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
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41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+1
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+16
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41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+12
41801	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	0	+10
41802	R Keane	Manchester Utd	4.50	0	+3
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41811	K Poborsky	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	+7
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41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+7
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41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+3
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42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Motherwell	1.00	0	+4
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	0
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42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle	4.50	+1	+3
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42202	S Stone	Nottm Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottm Forest	2.50	0	+2
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottm Forest	2.00	0	+7
42205	D Phillips	Nottm Forest	1.00	0	+3
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+6
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	+5
42303	J McInally	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	+1
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+3
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42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+10
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	0
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+9
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	+8
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+3
42503	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	0
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+1
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+1
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wed	0.75	0	+7
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+2
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42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	0	+4
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0	+10
42608	P Tisdale	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	0
42610	G Potter	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	0	+13
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+10
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	0
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	0	+11
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	0
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham	5.50	0	+6
42802	R Fox	Tottenham	4.00	0	+9
42803	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	0	+8
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham	2.00	0	+2
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham	1.50	0	+8
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham	1.50	0	+1
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham	2.50	0	+5
42901	P Futre	West Ham	3.50	0	+4
42902	I Bishop	West Ham	2.00	0	+3
42903	M Hughes	West Ham	2.00	0	+15
42904	D Williamson	West Ham	1.50	0	+7
42905	J Moncur	West Ham	1.50	0	+2
42907	S Lazarides	West Ham	0.25	0	+5
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+17
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+5
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+16
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+7
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+13
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
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50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+2
50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	0
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0	+21
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+8
50203	J Hartson	Arsenal	3.50	0	+8
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+13	+19
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	+1	+8
50303	T Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+6
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+4
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn	3.00	0	+5
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn	2.50	0	+8
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn	2.50	0	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn	1.00	0	0
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00	0	+13
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	0	+12
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	0	+13
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	0	+5
50603	J Spencer	Chelsea	4.00	0	+1
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	0	+8
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	0	+7
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	0

NEWS

Bombs in Ulster Army HQ injure 20

■ Republican terrorists penetrated the most secure area in Northern Ireland yesterday to explode two car bombs in the Army's headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim.

Up to twenty people were injured by the explosions, which came within ten minutes of each other: the Army said the second was aimed at casualties from the first as they were being moved to the base's medical centre. The attack bore the hallmarks of the IRA ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Major heralds welfare reforms

■ John Major swept aside the "negative mood music" surrounding the Conservaitive conference in Bournemouth by heralding plans to create a "leaner welfare machine" for the 21st century including a substantial expansion of the US-style workfare scheme ..... **Pages 1, 8, 9, 16, 17**

Spare the rod ...

The 85-year-old mother of Michael Heseltine said that unruly children should be given a "sound thrashing" after an elderly neighbour was injured by young vandals ..... **Page 1**

Hamilton inquiry

Sir Gordon Downey, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, said he would rather turn to the Speaker for help with his inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair than to MPs ..... **Pages 2, 17**

Nightmare home

A couple's £450,000 retirement home on the Norfolk Broads became worthless when the local council announced plans for a major road yards from their back door ..... **Page 3**

Out of bounds

Audrey Biggs, whose son was banned from a family golf tournament because he is adopted, promised never to return to the Burhill Golf Club ..... **Page 4**

Golden Hour

Fifty years after it went on air telling women about the all-purpose duster and how to deslime a flannel, Woman's Hour celebrated its golden jubilee ..... **Page 5**

Murder suspect

John Gilligan, a suspect for the murder of Veronica Guerin, the Irish journalist, was questioned about an alleged attempt to carry £300,000 on a flight ..... **Page 6**

History on a plate

A store of Victorian photographic negatives of the Lake District worth about £80,000 has been discovered in the loft of a retired headmaster in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire ..... **Page 7**

Losing the whip

Senior Tories are preparing to remove the whip from Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former party treasurer, in response to his high-profile defection to the Referendum Party ..... **Page 8**

Kremlin scandal

President's Yeltsin close friend and former chief bodyguard was accused of heading a "state racket" in the Kremlin involved in extortion, corruption and possibly attempted murder ..... **Page 10**

Warlord's warning

General Rashid Dostum, an Uzbek warlord, warned the Taleban Islamic militia to stop bombarding vanquished Afghan government forces ..... **Page 11**

Clinton on course

President Clinton remained firmly on course for re-election after Bob Dole failed to break through in Sunday's presidential debate ..... **Page 12**

Waiting for the flood

Intense seismic activity rumbled on under Iceland's Vatnajokull glacier as the press waited for the flood from ice melted by the erupting volcano ..... **Pages 13, 17**

Canny Celts get round tartan tax

■ Employees of Hector Russell, who are issued with kilts and sporrans as part of their work making Highland dress, have been told by the Inland Revenue that they are a benefit in kind, and therefore taxable. However, by fixing a non-detachable pin bearing the firm's logo on to such kilts the firm aims to convert them into a uniform worn only at work ..... **Page 3**

PAUL HACKETT/REUTERS



PC Nikki Fletcher at a checkpoint in Bournemouth, where Conservatives were gathering for their conference yesterday. Page 1

BUSINESS

Tunnel deal: A £4.7 billion agreement to rebuild Eurotunnel's shattered finances was unveiled by the company, ending a traumatic year during which it tottered on the brink of insolvency ..... **Page 25**

Tax bill: Octav Botnar, chairman and managing director of Nissan UK, has paid £59 million to settle an outstanding tax claim ... **Page 25**

Output falls: Manufacturing output was down in August, defying evidence that industry is being dragged out of this year's doldrums by consumer demand ..... **Page 25**

Markets: Shares rose to a record high in London, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 6.7 higher at 4,031.5. On the foreign exchange the pound rose .08 cents to $1.5641 and .21 pfennigs to DM2.3935 ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Yorkshire gave notice to quit Headingley, their home for more than a century, and plan to move to a new site off the M1 near Wakefield in April 2000 ... **Page 48**

Football: Steve Coppell, the new manager of Manchester City, received a warm welcome on his first day in charge but promised no instant improvement to the club's position ..... **Page 48**

National stadium: Greenwich, in southeast London, is being considered as the site for an 80,000-seat new national stadium after talks over the rival bids of Wembley and Manchester stalled ..... **Page 48**

Tennis: Tim Henman is 26th in the world rankings, the first Briton since John Lloyd in December 1984 to break into the top 30 ... **Page 48**

ARTS

Grand Tourists: The Tate Gallery has mounted a stunning exhibition devoted to the paintings commissioned by 18th-century English noblemen who had been on the Grand Tour of Italy ..... **Page 33**

Wild in Birmingham: Metallica, the "loudest, fastest, heaviest" band in the business, proved that they have not lost their wild touch at the NEC in Birmingham ..... **Page 34**

Baltic scene: A festival of Baltic arts brings many of the top Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian performers to Britain ..... **Page 35**

Top Price: The best performances by the great American singer Leontyne Price — the first black soprano to appear at the New York Met — have been collected together on an 11-CD album ..... **Page 35**

FEATURES

Francis Bacon revealed: Day two — the extraordinary ménage à trois that endured between Bacon, nanny Jessie Lightfoot, and Bacon's lover, Eric Hall ..... **Page 14**

The last president: On the eve of his visit to Britain, Mikhail Gorbachev talks about the sick men of Russia and his Chequers encounter with Margaret Thatcher ... **Page 15**

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Legal progress: A thousand solicitors are heading for Manchester for this weekend's Law Society conference, lured north by the city's changing face ..... **Page 37**

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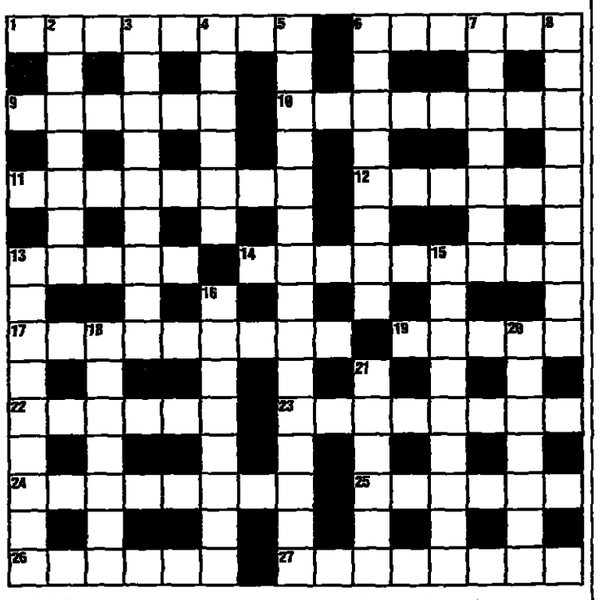
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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.13 am — Sun sets: 6.22 pm

Moon sets 4.39 pm — Moon rises 2.42 am

New moon October 12

London 6.22 pm to 7.15 am
Bristol 6.22 pm to 7.24 am
Edinburgh 6.29 pm to 7.32 am
Manchester 6.28 pm to 7.35 am
Penzance 6.45 pm to 7.35 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** central and southern England and all Wales will start cloudy with light rain. Brighter weather in northern areas will spread to most parts. Scotland and Northern Ireland should start bright, apart from patchy mist. Showers over northwestern parts by noon, becoming persistent.

☐ **London, SE, Central S & SW England, Channel Isles:** cloudy, patchy rain, becoming mainly dry. Wind light, variable, becoming mainly NW. Max temp 16C (61F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, Wales:** cloudy with patchy rain, becoming brighter. Wind light, W to NW. Max temp 16C (61F).

☐ **E, NW, Cent N & NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** dry with sunny spells. Wind light, N to NW becoming W. Max temp 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW & NE Scotland, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth:** mainly dry with sunny spells. Wind light to moderate, W to SW, becoming fresh to strong. Max temp 15C (59F).

☐ **Argyll, Northern Ireland:** mainly dry with bright or sunny spells becoming cloudy with rain. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max temp 14C (57F).

☐ **NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny spells; scattered showers becoming persistent. Wind W to SW, fresh to strong occasionally gale. Max temp 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading south followed by dry, settled weather.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.5	0.17	19	66	r	Leuchars	0.6	0.02	17	63	d
Anglesey	0.5	-	16	61	c	Littlehmptn	-	0.01	15	61	b
Aspatria	0.6	0.06	15	59	d	London	0.6	0.01	17	63	b
Aviemore	0.2	0.07	15	59	r	Lowestoft	1.1	-	16	61	cS
Belfast	-	0.16	15	59	r	Manchester			15	59	c
Birmingham	-	0.01	15	59	c	Minehead	0.2	0.02	15	59	d
Bognor R	0.1	-	16	61	c	Morecambe	-	0.01	15	59	du
Bournem'th	-	0.01	16	61	sh	Newquay	1.4	-	16	61	c
Bristol	-	0.01	16	61	d	Norwich	1.1	0.01	16	61	c
Buxton	0.1	-	13	55	c	Oxford	0.1	-	16	61	c
Colwyn Bay	0.5	-	17	63	c	Poole	-	0.01	17	63	c
Cromer	0.1	-	15	59	c	Ross-o-wye			15	59	c
Eastbourne	-	0.01	15	59	du	Salcombe	-	0.01	16	61	c
Edinburgh	1.3	0.04	17	63	d	Sandown	-	0.01	16	61	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.02	12	54	d	Saunton Snd	0.2	0.01	17	63	du
Exmouth	-	0.01	15	59	c	Scarboro'	0.8	0.01	16	61	c
Falmouth	1.6	-	17	63	b	Shanklin	-	0.01	16	61	c
Fishguard	0.1	0.01	15	59	c	Shrewsbury	-	-	15	59	c
Folkestone	-	0.03	14	57	r	Skegness	-	-	16	61	c
Glasgow	0.1	0.05	15	59	d	Southport	-	-	15	59	c
Guernsey	-	0.07	16	61	c	Southsea	-	0.01	15	59	c
Hastings	0.1	0.02	15	59	r	Stornoway	0.8	0.15	12	54	sh
Hayling I.	-	0.01	15	59	c	Swanage	-	-	16	61	c
Hove	2.9	0.01	16	61	b	Teignmouth		0.01	16	61	c
Hunstanton	0.5	-	15	59	du	Tiree	0.9	0.27	12	54	r
Isle of Man	0.4	-	16	61	c	Torquay	0.1	0.01	17	63	c
Jersey	-	0.17	16	61	c	Tynemouth	-	-	16	61	c
Kinloss	0.5	0.17	17	63	r	Ventnor	0.2	0.01	16	61	c
Leeds	-	-	16	61	c	West-o-mare	-	0.02	16	61	du
Lerwick	-	0.21	11	52	r	Weymouth	-	0.01	15	59	b

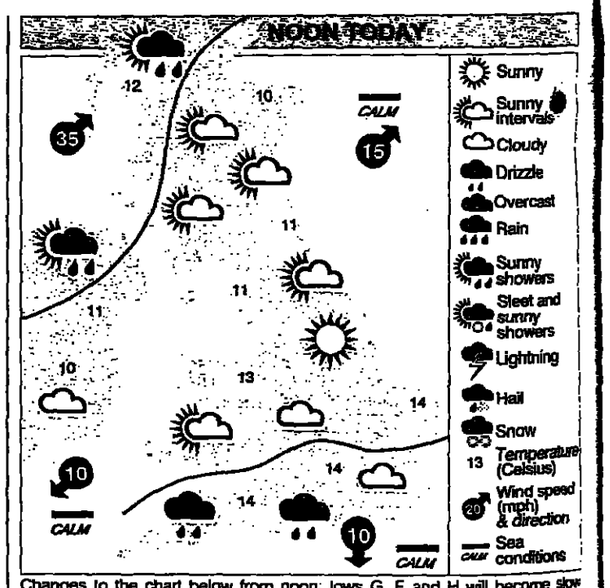
ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	f	Corfu	21	70	c	Majorca	18	61	f
Alicante	27	81	s	C'phagn	14	57	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Dublin	15	59	f	Malta	24	75	s
Algiers	13	55	r	Dubrovnik	22	72	f	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	16	61	f
Athens	22	72	f	Florence	21	70	f	Miami	24	75	s
B Aires	23	73	s	Frankfurt	10	50	c	Milan	17	63	c
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	16	61	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	12	54	f	Moscow	11	52	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	10	50	c
Barcelona	18	64	f	Helsinki	12	54	c	N Delhi	37	81	s
Beirut	26	79	f	Hong K	30	86	f	N York	14	57	s
Belgrade	18	64	s	Innsbruck	10	50	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	14	57	s	Istanbul	20	68	f	Naples	24	75	f
Bermuda	21	70	r	Jeddah	x	x	x	Nice	21	70	f
Biarritz	13	55	c	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Oslo	10	50	f
Borde'x	14	57	c	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	14	57	f
Brussels	13	55	f	L Palmas	23	73	c	Peking	17	63	f
Budapst	19	66	s	Le Touqt	13	55	f	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	19	66	s	Prague	10	50	c
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Locarno	13	55	r	Reykjavk	6	43	r
Ch'church	x	x	x	Luxembg	11	52	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	33	91	f
Cologne	11	52	c	Madrid	16	61	f	Riyadh	38	100	s

Rome	20	68	s	S Fr'sco	x	x	x				
S Paulo	20	68	c	Salzburg	11	52	c				
Santiago	34	75	s	Seoul	17	63	f				
Sing'por	28	82	t	St'kholm	12	54	f				
Strasb'rg	11	52	s	Sydney	16	61	c				
Tangier	22	72	c	Tel Aviv	28	82	f				
Tenerife	25	77	s	Tokyo	23	73	c				
Toronto	17	63	s	Tunis	25	77	f				
Valencia	19	66	f	Vanc'ver	14	57	c				
Venice	14	57	t	Vienna	11	52	c				
Warsaw	16	61	t	Wash'ton	17	63	f				
Wel'ngton	x	x	x	Zurich	11	52	c				

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows G, F and H will become slow moving to the north of Norway. High E will drift slowly northeast and decline

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.40	5.8	11.14	6.1	Leith	11.48	4.7		
Aberdeen	10.43	3.7	10.54	3.9	Liverpool	8.29	7.8	8.43	8.0
Avonmouth	3.56	10.2	4.16	10.9	Lowestoft	6.14	2.4	7.13	4.3
Belfast	8.31	2.9	8.53	3.2	Margate	8.46	4.0	9.36	4.5
Cardiff	3.23	9.2	3.52	9.7	Milford Haven	3.19	5.4	3.40	5.4
Devonport	2.36	4.4	2.53	4.7	Newquay	2.00	5.1	2.24	5.3
Dover	8.13	5.6	8.45	5.7	Oban	3.19	3.1	3.23	3.3
Dublin (N Wall)	8.54	3.5	9.07	3.7	Penzance	1.39	4.5	2.02	4.8
Falmouth	1.45	3.9	2.08	4.3	Portland	3.36	1.4	3.58	1.6
Greenock	10.10	2.9	9.56	3.1	Portsmouth	8.33	4.1	8.47	4.3
Harwich	8.28	3.4	9.11	3.5	Shoreham	8.18	5.1	8.36	5.1
Holyhead	7.39	4.7	7.54	4.9	Southampton	8.02	4.0	8.19	4.0
Hull (Albert D)	2.59	6.0	3.32	6.0	Swansea	3.18	7.6	3.40	8.1
Ilfracombe	2.57	7.3	3.18	7.7	Tees	0.25	4.4	1.04	4.7
King's Lynn	3.17	5.0	3.48	5.2	Walton-on-Naze	8.32	3.6	9.10	3.7

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.32in; highest sunshine: Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, 5.0hr.

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